Involves Donald Trump

SoftBank gives $50 million to the Trump library, then wins a federal land data center deal

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SoftBank confirmed the donation in its own letter to Sen. Warren, and the partnership is in the Energy Department's announcement; both were read directly.

4 sources **2** primary records **2** with an archived copy

REACHED THE FAMILY

Jan 2026 month precision

$50,000,000 exact

Contribution SoftBank says it made in January 2026 to the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Foundation, Inc., the largest publicly reported gift to the library.

FROM SoftBank Group (company)

CHANNEL donation to the president's library foundation

OFFICIAL ACTION

Mar 20, 2026

The Energy and Commerce Departments announced a partnership with SoftBank and AEP Ohio to redevelop DOE's Portsmouth Site in Ohio, with SoftBank's SB Energy building 10 GW of generation to power a 10 GW data center on the federal land; separately, on March 11, 2026 the FTC granted early termination of the antitrust waiting period for SoftBank's $4 billion acquisition of DigitalBridge (per Sen. Warren's July 1, 2026 release)

AGENCY Department of Energy; Department of Commerce

No day count is calculated because at least one of the two dates is known only to the month or year.

WHAT HAPPENED

SoftBank, the Japanese investment group, says it gave $50 million to the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Foundation in January 2026. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's office calls it the largest publicly reported gift to the president's library.

On March 20, 2026, the Energy and Commerce Departments announced a partnership with SoftBank and AEP Ohio to redevelop the Energy Department's Portsmouth Site in southern Ohio. SoftBank's SB Energy is to build 10 gigawatts of power generation, mostly natural gas, feeding a 10 gigawatt data center on the federal land. Commerce Secretary Howard

Lutnick tied the project to the U.S.-Japan trade and investment agreement. Days earlier, per Warren's office, the FTC had cleared SoftBank's $4 billion purchase of the data center investor DigitalBridge early.

SoftBank says it has supported several presidents' nonprofits and is proud to back institutions preserving American history. Warren and two colleagues have asked whether the gift was meant to win favorable treatment.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

Possible attempt to win favorable treatment through a donation (no statute cited)

STATUTE OR CLAUSE None cited

RAISED BY Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Richard Blumenthal and Rep. Melanie Stansbury (Aug 6, 2026)

This is a potential violation as described by the party named. No charge has been filed in this entry; the ledger does not call anything a crime below tier D.

THEIR RESPONSE

SoftBank says it is proud to support institutions preserving American history, has given to multiple presidents' nonprofits, and that the gift supports the library including a space on the U.S.-Japan relationship.

SOURCES

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> SoftBank response to letter regarding library donation
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> **U.S. Department of Energy** Mar 20, 2026 primary
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> **Office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren** Aug 6, 2026 congressional
> SoftBank Confirms $50 Million Donation to Trump Library Just Two Months Before Trump's Announcement of a Lease for Company's Data Center
> archive pending

> **Office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren** Jul 1, 2026 congressional
> Warren, Blumenthal, Stansbury Investigate Whether Softbank's Reported $50 Million Donation to Trump Presidential Library is Attempt to Curry Political Favor
> archive pending

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