

### RESEARCH MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties

From: American Accountability Foundation

Date: November 27, 2023

Re: Sam Slater Nomination - Biden Auctions Off Airport Board Seat to Out-of-

Touch Playboy High Dollar Donor

The American Accountability Foundation has reviewed the nomination of Samuel H. Slater to be a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA). The MWAA oversees the operations of two of the most important airports in the country serving the nation's capital, Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, with a combined annual budget of over \$1.3 Billion.<sup>111</sup>

Mr. Slater is a <u>major donor to President Biden, contributing nearly \$140,000 to the Biden campaign and Biden Victory Fund, as well as \$150,000 to the Biden inaugural committee</u>. Additionally, businesses associated with Mr. Slater were recipients of <u>Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans in 2020</u>.

Mr. Slater, a reported billionaire, also leads a <u>lavish lifestyle</u> that suggests he would be out of touch with the needs of middle-class air travelers. Indeed, a Slater family business purchased the former Playboy jet, a Bombardier BD-700, in 2022 for \$17.5 million.<sup>2</sup>

To summarize, Sam Slater or businesses associated with him:

- Donated almost \$140,000 to the Biden campaign.
- Donated \$150,000 to the Biden inauguration.
- Received <u>over \$250,000 in PPP loans</u>, nearly all of which was forgiven by the federal government.
- Co-owns an NHL team.
- Lives in a \$12 million mansion.
- Has been described as a "Boston party-guy."
- Purchased the former Playboy jet.
- Partied with <u>Playboy Mansion regular Verne Troyer who is famous for playing</u> "Mini-me" in the Austin Powers films.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Budget Document for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (mwaa.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SEC EDGAR, PLBY GROUP, INC., 8-K Filing, <u>September 2022</u>







Photo Source: Business Insider

## MAJOR BIDEN DONOR

President Biden has been nicknamed "Quid pro Joe.3" Mr. Slater's nomination is likely to add to this perception.

During the 2020 election cycle, campaign finance records show, Sam Slater **gave a total of \$139,800** to the Biden campaign and the Biden Victory Fund.

- \$2,800 to Biden for President in August 2019.
- **\$12,000** to the <u>Biden Victory Fund</u> on <u>May 27, 2020</u>.
- <u>Two separate donations</u>, one for **\$100,000** and another for **\$25,000**, on October 28, 2020, **to the Biden Victory Fund**.

Slater also contributed \$150,000 to Biden's inaugural committee, PIC 2021, Inc., in December 2020.

Contributor	Date	Amount	Employer	Occupation	Recipient	Source
SLATER, SAM	2019-08-29	\$2,800	BURN LATER PRODUCTIONS	OWNER	BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT	FEC
SLATER, SAMUEL	2020-05-27	\$12,000	BURN LATER PRODUCTIONS	OWNER	BIDEN VICTORY FUND (JFC)	FEC
SLATER, SAMUEL	2020-10-28	\$25,000	BURN LATER PRODUCTIONS	OWNER	BIDEN VICTORY FUND (JFC)	FEC
SLATER, SAMUEL	2020-10-28	\$100,000	BURN LATER PRODUCTIONS	OWNER	BIDEN VICTORY FUND (JFC)	FEC
SLATER, SAM	2020-12-10	\$150,000	N/A	N/A	PIC 2021, INC.	FEC

## **SLATER BUSINESSES RECEIVED PPP LOANS**

The American Accountability Foundation reviewed corporate entities associated with Slater against a federal database of Paycheck Protection Program recipients.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pro-Trump group releasing new 'Quid Pro Quo Joe' ad ahead of Senate vote | The Hill



AAF can verify that businesses with direct ties to Samuel Slater <u>received at least</u> **\$259,245** as part of the PPP program and <u>had at least \$221,211 forgiven</u>.

On May 1, 2020, <u>Park Property Management Group, LLC</u>, where Samuel Slater lists himself as a "manager" on his 2021 nominee questionnaire<sup>4</sup>, <u>received a loan of \$167,011</u> from PPP<sup>5</sup>. Park Property Management <u>subsequently had \$128,387 forgiven</u>.

In addition, documents on file with the Massachusetts Secretary of State list Samuel Slater<sup>6</sup> as a "resident agent" for Park Property Management Group, LLC.

Also on May 1, 2020, <u>Tremont Asset Management, LLC</u>, where both the nominee questionnaire and the Massachusetts Secretary of State<sup>7</sup> list Slater as a "manager," <u>received \$92,234</u> from PPP<sup>8</sup>. They <u>later had \$92,824 forgiven</u>.

Company Name	Sam Slater Position	<b>Amount Received</b>	Amount Forgiven
Park Property Management	Manager/Resident Agent	\$167,011	\$128,387
Group, LLC			
Tremont Asset Management,	Manager	\$92,234	\$92,824
LLC			

# LIVES JET-SETTING, PLAYBOY LIFESTYLE

Mr. Slater's lifestyle raises significant questions about his ability to relate to the concerns and needs of middle-class air travelers. While AAF does not begrudge Mr. Slater's private choices, they nevertheless suggest that Mr. Slater could be **out of touch** in a way that renders him **unqualified** for the position to which he has been nominated. Over 45 million passengers travel through<sup>9</sup> Reagan and Dulles airports each year, a qualification of a Board Member of MWAA would be someone who is more familiar with the travails of passengers traveling through a crowded airport during the holidays rather than an individual who is often traveling via private jet.

BILLIONAIRE (WHO LIVES IN \$12 MILLION HOME)

In 2023, Boston Magazine<sup>10</sup> described Mr. Slater as a "billionaire."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> DD5412F8-567A-4123-9695-59EB5598D566 (senate.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> PPP Borrower Search | Pandemic Oversight: Park Property Management Group, LLC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx (state.ma.us)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> MA Corporations Search Entity Summary (state.ma.us)

<sup>8</sup> PPP Borrower Search | Pandemic Oversight: Tremont Asset Management, LLC

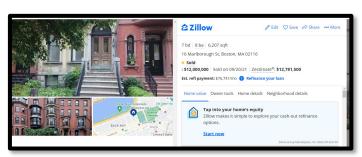
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Reagan National sets record for passengers in 2022 - WTOP News

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The 150 Most Influential Bostonians of 2023 (bostonmagazine.com)



Public records show that Mr. Slater currently lives at **16 Marlborough St.** in Boston, MA. The Zillow listing<sup>11</sup> shows that the property sold in September 2021 for \$12 million.





#### PART-OWNER OF NHL'S SEATTLE KRAKEN

In 2021, Mr. Slater became a part owner<sup>12</sup> of the NHL's Seattle Kraken. To join the league, the Kraken paid <u>a record setting expansion fee</u><sup>13</sup> of **\$650 million**.

### FLIES PRIVATE (SOMETIMES IN PLAYBOY'S OLD JET)

Mr. Slater's wife, Jessica, has posted pictures to social media<sup>14</sup> of the family's use of private jets for travel. The photos below show the Slaters on the tarmac as the jet off to the tony Yellowstone Club in Montana, and as Slater mocks Montanans by posing in his private jet in a sleeveless camo t-shirt when his wife asks him if he's" Ready for Montana.<sup>15</sup> In 2018 the Yellowstone Club costs \$400,000 to join, with annual dues of \$41,500.<sup>16</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 16 Marlborough St, Boston, MA 02116 | Zillow

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> It's Time to Get to Know Sam Slater (bostonmagazine.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> What's Next For NHL Expansion After Vegas Golden Knights' Stanley Cup? (forbes.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Instagram, <u>@imslater</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>American Accountability Foundation, Archive of Montana Video

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Yellowstone Club







The Slater family's use of private jets <u>raises obvious questions</u> about their level of familiarity with commercial air travel.

## In 2022, Mr. Slater bought the former Playboy jet, as Boston Magazine described:17

...One morning in August 2022, Slater attended a secret meeting in a private airplane hangar at Van Nuys Airport in southern California to check out a possible investment. He climbed the steps of a private plane, walked through the door—the interior side of which was embossed with the signature Playboy Bunny logo—and noted the details inside: herringbone carpets, custom-dyed cognac leather seats, crocodile-embossed wallcoverings, and a top-of-the-line sound-and-entertainment system.

Slater had been in the market for a company jet, but this was a deal like none other. The aircraft was in mint condition after the publicly traded Playboy company poured a fortune into its renovation—resurrecting the name Big Bunny from Hugh Hefner's original jet and giving it its own Instagram handle—as part of a high-profile campaign to market the dawn of a new era at Playboy. Just a year later, however, the company was financially stressed, and the plane represented a significant chunk of its assets. It had to go.

Slater recognized that the plane's rare pedigree made it a unique asset with the prospect for some serious chartering traffic on the days it was not in use for the family company—meaning it had the potential to function as its own money-making business. There is a certain irony to the fact that a man who doesn't want people to see him as a party boy would consider snapping up the physical embodiment of a young playboy's pleasure palace at 35,000 feet. Still, it checked all the boxes for a good investment, Slater says, so he bought it...



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Boston Magazine, "It's Time to Get to Know Sam Slater," <u>September 13, 2023</u>



Beyond private jet use, Jessica Slater posted a picture of her on a yacht to her Instagram last March, raising further questions if Sam Slater is the type of leader who is personally familiar with the concerns of the traveling public.<sup>18</sup>



"BOSTON PARTY GUY" (WHO PARTIED WITH PLAYBOY MANSION REGULAR)

One might excuse Mr. Slater's connection to the Playboy empire as a one-off "investment," were it not for other aspects of his past.

In the summer of 2010, Mr. Slater hosted a concert for his twenty-sixth birthday. A blog which covered the event described Mr. Slater as a "Boston party-guy." 19



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Instagram, <u>@jmslater</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Michael Blanchard Photography: Sam Slater Birthday Bash













Most notably, however, Mr. Slater's guests that night included actor Verne Troyer.







While he passed away in 2018<sup>20</sup>, Mr. Troyer was best known for portraying the character "MiniMe"<sup>21</sup> in the 1999 film, "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me."<sup>22</sup>

During his lifetime, Troyer was reportedly a regular guest of Hugh Hefner at the Playboy Mansion.<sup>23</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The Sun (UK), "SHORT, WILD & TRAGIC Life of Mini Me star Verne Troyer – and his giant appetite for sex and booze," <u>April 23, 2018</u>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Mini-Me actor Verne Troyer's death is ruled a suicide (bbc.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Verne Troyer - IMDb

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me (1999) - IMDb



As former Playboy Mansion butler Bryant Horowitz explained on the "Girls Next Level" podcast<sup>24</sup>:

Horowitz: I've seen a lot of the incidents involving Verne Troyer.

Holly Madison: Like sexual?!?

Horowitz: Um, hmm.

[AWKWARD LAUGHTER]

Horowitz: Some of the girls were really...intrigued...by him. And, so, there would be times where I'd be serving a drink or something and I'd...TURN RIGHT BACK AROUND BECAUSE I DID NOT NEED TO BE PART OF THAT.

The rest of the discussion about Troyer continues in this vein but is too graphic to republish but includes discussion of Troyer and porn stars engaging in acts described in the Steele Dossier<sup>25</sup>.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> A BUTLER TELLS MORE! / GIRLS NEXT LEVEL PODCAST - YouTube

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>Girls Next Level, <u>Episode 50</u>