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Thread: [Donald Trump commutes former Rep. George Santos' prison sentence](#)

Palestine - *October 18, 2025, 5:06 pm*

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Greene declined to say whether she had spoken directly to Trump about the matter.

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KennyKey - October 18, 2025, 8:38 pm

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