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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Mullin,

Since January 20, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") has engaged in unprecedented violence across the nation and has taken deliberate steps to weaponize immigration enforcement against citizens and noncitizens alike.[1] Armed agents have descended upon neighborhoods, conducting indiscriminate immigration sweeps, carrying out operations in and near schools and playgrounds, and engaging in military-style tactics.[2] To meet President Trump's immigration demands, DHS has surged its forces while simultaneously abandoning basic training principles and advising agents to ignore core tenets of the Constitution.[3] As a result, tragically, more than 30 people have been shot and at least nine have been killed by DHS agents, while many others have died in DHS custody.[4]

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[1] *See* MINORITY STAFF OF S. PERMANENT SUBCOMM. ON INVESTIGATIONS, 119TH CONG., UNCHECKED AUTHORITY: EXAMINING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S EXTRAJUDICIAL IMMIGRATION DETENTIONS OF U.S. CITIZENS (2025), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025.12.8_ICE-Report-revised-FINAL.pdf; *see also* Nicole Foy et al., *More Than 500 U.S. Citizens Have Been Detained, Including Handcuffed or Held at Gunpoint, in Trump's Immigration Crackdown*, PROPUBLICA (Oct. 29, 2026), https://projects.propublica.org/american-citizens-detained-dhs-civil-rights/.

[2] *See e.g.*, Noem v. Perdomo, No. 25A169, slip op. at 1, 6-7 (Sept. 8, 2025) (Sotomayor, J., dissenting); Ryan J. Foley & Russ Bynum, *ICE Operation in Connecticut Highlights How Arrests Are Rising Even in Blue States*, AP NEWS (Aug. 27, 2026, 4:13 PM), https://apnews.com/article/dhs-ice-connecticut-danbury-arrests immigration-d8695bbb883591669accaf266e8bb6a9; Sophia Tareen, *Using Helicopters and Chemical Agents, Immigration Agents Become Increasingly Aggressive in Chicago*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Oct. 6, 2025, 1:30 PM), https://apnews.com/article/chicago-immigration-federal-arrests-helicopter-trump-ice-8dbf688f78f3b6d1b8fdb989557b28c4.

[3] *Our Values at Stake (Part III): Terrorizing Communities Without Warrants and No Restraint: Public Forum Before the S. Permanent Subcomm. on Investigations and H. Comm. on Oversight and Gov't Reform*, 119TH CONG. (2026) (testimony of Ryan Schwank), https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-2-23_ryan_schwank_statement.pdf; *see also* Alexandra Berzon et al., *ICE Skipped Basic Checks in Rush for Recruits, Whistle-Blower Says*, NY TIMES (Sept. 3, 2026), https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/03/us/ice-recruits-national-security-risk-whistleblower.html.

[4] Julia Ingram & Camilo Montoya-Galvez, *Federal Immigration Agents Have Shot at Dozens of People During Trump's Deportation Crackdown. Here's What We Know*, CBS NEWS (Oct. 12, 2026), https://www.cbsnews.com/projects/2026/ice-shooting-tracker/; *see also Detainee Death Reporting,* U.S. IMMIGR. & CUSTOMS ENF'T (last visited Nov. 2, 2026), https://www.ice.gov/detain/detainee-death-reporting.

For well over a year, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations minority ("the Subcommittee") has been conducting an inquiry into DHS's ongoing abuses and misconduct. I have written to you, your predecessor, and other leaders of DHS components more than 12 times regarding DHS's actions and have received little to no responsive information.[5] Indeed, despite making numerous requests for documents regarding the myriad reports of violence, misconduct, and use of force by DHS personnel, DHS has failed to produce a single record responsive to these requests.

The Subcommittee is committed to uncovering the extent of DHS's misconduct. I therefore write to reiterate and issue the following requests and demand production of the documents and information reflected therein. All requests refer to the date range of January 20, 2025 through the present unless otherwise specified.

Immigration Enforcement Priorities:

1) All Records[6] reflecting Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") policies for identifying and targeting individuals for arrest in the interior of the United States, including but not limited to how personnel determine whether an individual is a U.S. citizen or has other legal status in the United States.

[5] Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Todd Lyons, Acting Dir., U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't (Aug. 25, 2025), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-08-26-Letter-from-Sen.-Blumenthal-to-ICE.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal and Rep. Garcia to Kristi Noem, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Oct. 20, 2025), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-10-20-Letter-from-Blumenthal-and-Garcia-to-Noem.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal and Rep. Garcia to Kristi Noem, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Nov. 17, 2025), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025-11-17-Letter-from-Blumenthal-and-Garcia-to-Noem.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Kristi Noem, Sec'y, Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Jan. 23, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-01-09-Letter-from-Ranking-Member-Blumenthal-to-Sec.-Noem.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Kristi Noem, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., and Todd Lyons, Acting Dir., U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't (Jan. 21, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-01-21-Letter-from-Blumenthal-to-DHS-ICE.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Benjamin Huffman, Dir., Fed. L. Enf't Training Ctrs. (Jan. 21, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-01-21-Letter-from-Blumenthal-to-FLETC.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Todd Lyons, Acting Dir., U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't (Feb. 12, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-02-12-Letter-from-Blumenthal-to-Lyons.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Markwayne Mullin, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 31, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026-03-31-letter-from-Blumenthal-to-Mullin-1.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Markwayne Mullin, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (May 18, 2026) (on file with the Subcommittee); Letter from Sen. Blumenthal and Rep. Garcia to Markwayne Mullin, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (July 16, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026.07.16-Blumenthal-and-Garcia-to-Mullin-1.pdf; Letter from Rep. Garcia and Sen. Blumenthal to Benjamin Huffman, Dir., Fed. L. Enf't Training Ctrs., and Thomas Huse, Chief Couns., Fed. L. Enf't Training Ctrs. (July 30, 2026), https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-07-30garciablumenthaltofletc.pdf; Letter from Sen. Blumenthal to Markwayne Mullin, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., and David Venturella, Acting Dir., U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't (Sep. 1, 2026), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/08-31-2026-Letter-to-DHS-re-CT-ICE-Enforcement.pdf.

[6] The term "Record" includes any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, whether stored electronically or in hard copy. This also includes all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments to any record, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto.

2) All Records regarding any incentives, including compensation, promotion, and other benefits, offered to ICE or CBP personnel for arresting certain individuals or making a certain number of arrests.[7]

3) Since January 20, 2025, has DHS or the White House implemented or advised any quota system for daily or monthly arrests of immigrants that must be met?
    a. If so, provide a detailed description of those quotas, when they were in effect, and a description of any consequences for failing to meet those quotas.

4) Describe the extent to which DHS personnel are wearing and using body worn cameras during the entirety of immigration enforcement operations, and the dates when such personnel received the equipment, were trained on the use of said equipment, and were required to wear the equipment.

5) All Records, including communications, regarding DHS use and activation of body worn cameras.

Training:

6) Provide all versions of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers ("FLETC") training curricula, including but not limited to lesson plans, required course material, and exams, across all ICE and CBP training programs, including the Advanced Field Officer Training Program, the 240-hour ICE training program, and the online Virtual Deportation Officer Training Program.

7) For the Virtual Deportation Officer Training Program, provide the number of ICE Enforcement and Removal Officer (ERO) officers and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents for each month since January 2025 that have:
    a. Entered the online training program.
    b. Completed the online training program.
    c. Been removed from the online training program due to an inability to meet the eligibility requirements, e.g., background checks, academic requirements, or fitness standards.
    d. Been removed from the online training program due to an artificial intelligence screening error.
    e. Failed to graduate due to not passing the online training program.

8) For the 240-hour training program at FLETC, provide the number of ICE ERO officers and HSI agents for each month since January 2025 who:
    f. Entered the training program.
    g. Completed the training program.

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[7] *See* Michelle Hackman, Kris Maher & Brenna T. Smith, *The Standoff That Has Turned Minnesota Into a Tinderbox*, WALL ST. J. (JAN. 17, 2026,4:20 PM), https://www.wsj.com/us-news/the-standoff-that-has-turned-minnesota-into-a-tinderbox-a3a7e672 ; *see also* Brenna T. Smith, Marianne LeVine & Jack Gillum, *How Local Police Get Paid Big Money for Just a Few Immigration Arrests*, WALL ST. J. (Oct. 1, 2026, 9:00 PM), https://www.wsj.com/us-news/immigration-arrests-police-trump-f0ca5253.

h. Were removed from the program due to an inability to meet the eligibility requirements, e.g., background checks, academic requirements, or fitness standards.
i. Failed to graduate due to not passing required courses.

9) All Records regarding changes to curricula, exams, and exam proctoring at FLETC across all ICE and CBP training programs.

10) All Records regarding any changes to training requirements for DHS personnel on the use of force and the discharge of firearms, including but not limited to, policies, procedures, guidance, hours of training, coursework, and simulation exercises.

Hiring:

11) All Records regarding any changes to hiring standards for CBP and ICE officers and agents including but not limited to education requirements, age requirements, physical fitness requirements, polygraph requirements, background requirements, and criminal history requirements.

12) All policies, procedures, or guidance regarding hiring standards or requirements for ICE and CBP immigration agents and officers disaggregated by year for 2025 and 2026.

The Treatment and Detention of U.S. Citizens:

13) Provide a list of all U.S. citizens detained by CBP, ICE, or any DHS component agency from January 20, 2025, to present for more than 24 hours, including the length of their detention, where they were detained, by which DHS component, and a detailed description of the rationale for the arrest and extended detention.

14) All Records related to the detention of U.S. citizens by DHS personnel.

15) All complaints received by DHS related to the treatment of U.S. citizens by DHS personnel.

Use of Force:

16) List all documented instances of excessive use of force, broken down by DHS component, for years 2024 through 2026, and categorized by type of force used.

17) Provide a detailed list of all incidents in which an ICE or CBP agent or officer discharged a firearm, including the date, location, and justification for this use of force. Indicate whether any injuries were sustained by civilians or DHS personnel during this incident, and what those injuries were.

18) Provide a detailed list of all incidents in which an ICE or CBP agent or officer discharged a chemical agent when civilians were present, including the date, location, and

justification for this use of force. Indicate whether any injuries were sustained by civilians or DHS personnel during this incident and what those injuries were.

19) List any DHS personnel who have been disciplined for discharging a firearm or a chemical agent, including the individual's employing component, a description of the incident, and any action taken by DHS to discipline the agent or officer.

20) All DHS policies and procedures regarding the use of force, including the discharge of a firearm. To the extent that these policies and procedures changed between January 2025 and present, indicate the dates when each policy was in use by ICE and CBP personnel.

21) All policies, procedures, guidance, training documents, and other Records provided to DHS agents performing immigration enforcement operations pertaining to the use of chemical agents in enforcement operations.

22) All Records, including communications, regarding the discharge of firearms at moving vehicles.

23) All complaints formal or otherwise, against DHS personnel for use of force during immigration operations. For each complaint provide all Records related or referring to the complaint, and indicate the date, location, agent or officer name, DHS component, and allegations made against the agent or officer, the process DHS took to impartially review each complaint, and any disciplinary action taken in response to such complaint.

Administrative Warrants:

24) List all instances where an administrative warrant such as Form I-205 or Form I-200 have been used by DHS personnel to enter residences since January 20, 2025, including the date, the city and state, the personnel involved in the entry, and the legal basis and factual evidence supporting the execution of the administrative warrant.

25) All Records referring or relating to the decision to alter or change guidance or policy regarding the use of administrative warrants, including the formulation of a May 2025 ICE memorandum regarding the use of I-205 warrants to enter places of residence.[8]

The Subcommittee expects you to carefully review and follow the enclosed production instructions to ensure that all records produced can be accessed and reviewed in a timely manner. Please begin producing responsive records by no later than November 30, 2026, with additional records to follow on a schedule agreed upon in advance by Subcommittee staff. Any questions about the scope of the enclosed requests should be relayed to Subcommittee staff well in advance of the deadline. Please also note that failure to voluntarily produce the requested records and

[8] Memorandum from Todd Lyons, Acting Dir., U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't, to All U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't Pers. on Utilizing Form I-205, Warrant of Removal (May 12, 2025), https://iptp-production.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/2025.05.12_Utilizing_Form_I205_Warrant_of_Removal_-_ICE.pdf.

information by January 4, 2027, will leave the Subcommittee with no choice but to consider alternative measures to obtain compliance.

Please contact Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff by November 9, 2026, to confirm receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

Enclosure