



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

July 4, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Secretary Noem:

We write to express serious concern with this administration's chilling actions of rounding up and arresting individuals with no criminal history and doing so without the transparency as to why the individuals are being arrested. The lack of accountability and transparency from this administration is of grave concern to the citizens of this country. Not only are Members of Congress concerned with the lack of transparency, accountability, and its immigration actions, but the majority of the American people do not agree with this administration's actions either.<sup>1</sup>

President Trump initially promised to go after the worst of the worst in his immigration policy. Similarly, you recently went on Fox News and claimed you were going after the worst of the worst.<sup>2</sup> However, the actions of this administration and your DHS show you are not focused on arresting dangerous criminals like murderers, rapists and drug dealers. Instead, you are sending masked individuals who do not identify themselves as law enforcement to arrest college<sup>3</sup> and high school students<sup>4</sup>, restaurant workers<sup>5</sup>, factory workers<sup>6</sup>, and even American children, some of whom have cancer<sup>7</sup> which is beyond heartless. The scope of your enforcement activities has

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<sup>1</sup> *Majority of Voters Oppose GOP Budget Bill, With Just 67% Of Republicans In Support, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds; Trump Job Approval: 38%, His Handling Of Russia - Ukraine War Lowest Among List Of Issues*, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL (Jan. 14, 2025), <https://poll.qu.edu/poll-release?releaseid=3924>

<sup>2</sup> Fox News Television Interview, *We have been going after the 'worst of the worst' in LA: Kristi Noem* (Jun. 10, 2025), <https://www.foxnews.com/video/6374069994112>

<sup>3</sup> Russell Contreras and Steph Solis, *Ambush arrest of Tufts student sparks new concerns about immigration crackdown*, AXIOS (Mar. 27, 2025), <https://www.axios.com/2025/03/27/arrest-tuft-student-rumeysa-ozturk-trump-rubio>

<sup>4</sup> Ted Hesson and Kristina Cooke, *ICE's tactics draw criticism as it triples daily arrest targets*, REUTERS (Jun. 10, 2025) <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/ices-tactics-draw-criticism-it-triples-daily-arrest-targets-2025-06-10/>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> *ICE Deports 3 U.S. Citizen Children Held Incommunicado Prior to the Deportation*, ACLU OF LOUISIANA, (Apr. 25, 2025), <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/ice-deports-3-u-s-citizen-children-held-incommunicado-prior-to-the-deportation>

grown so large to include migrant workers and tourists with visas<sup>8</sup>, that you are unable to effectively focus on arresting dangerous criminals, which makes our country less safe.

Even though President Trump has finally acknowledged his immigration policies are harming individuals and businesses, particularly farmers, and those in the hotel and leisure business<sup>9</sup> - which is further damaging our once strong economy - we fear this administration will not learn from their mistakes. White House officials have said they hope U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) can scale up to 3,000 arrests a day, from approximately 660 during the first 100 days of Trump's presidency.<sup>10</sup> Since these numbers cannot be achieved without arresting non-criminals, it appears this administration will continue arresting hardworking individuals who pose no threat to our communities. It also appears this is why DHS has eliminated any transparency efforts regarding migrant arrests. For an administration that claims to be the most transparent in history<sup>11</sup>, you have contributed to being the least transparent this country has ever seen.

This administration refuses to provide accurate data and details around what criminal record, if any, DHS components use to justify the arrest of an individual. After President Trump took office DHS stopped issuing detailed statistical reports on immigration enforcement, which makes it challenging to gauge the scope of your immigration crackdown.<sup>12</sup>

Since your administration will not provide transparent data, we must piecemeal different data sources to get an accurate picture of DHS's enforcement efforts. For example, we look at The Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse - a project from Syracuse University that compiles immigration figures - which estimates that of the 51,302 people in ICE detention facilities as of June 1, about 44% had no criminal record aside from entering the US without permission.<sup>13</sup> News outlets also report ICE detention statistics show the number of detainees arrested by ICE with no other criminal charges or convictions rose from about 860 in January to 7,800 this month - a more than 800% increase.<sup>14</sup>

And if we look at recent events and updates from ICE, the unnecessary and harmful immigration raids in Los Angeles saw the immigration arrests of 118 people, which DHS said included five

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<sup>8</sup> Bernd Debusmann Jr, *Who has been arrested by ICE under Trump*, BBC (Jun. 11, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c86p821p660o>

<sup>9</sup> President Donald Trump, Truth Social Post, (Jun. 12, 2025) <https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114670684664650262>

<sup>10</sup> Bernd Debusmann Jr, *Who has been arrested by ICE under Trump*, BBC (Jun. 11, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c86p821p660o>

<sup>11</sup> *White House Press Release: Sunday Shows: Most Transparent Administration in History*, THE WHITE HOUSE (Jan. 20, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/02/sunday-shows-most-transparent-administration-in-history/>

<sup>12</sup> Ted Hesson, *Trump's ICE arrests non-criminals despite crime focused message*, REUTERS (Jun. 13, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trumps-ice-arrests-non-criminals-despite-crime-focused-message-2025-06-13/>

<sup>13</sup> Bernd Debusmann Jr, *Who has been arrested by ICE under Trump*, BBC (Jun. 11, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c86p821p660o>

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gang members.<sup>15</sup> While the agency has identified a handful of people with criminal histories, due to DHS refusing to provide more transparent details of their actions, it's unclear how many of the 118 individuals have criminal histories.

Sadly, this administration's credibility is so badly damaged we cannot simply rely on the words coming from a DHS spokesperson or yourself that this administration is targeting the worst of the worst. The fact this administration has repeatedly misrepresented migrants' criminal histories<sup>16</sup>, lied to the American people by photoshopping gang tattoos on the body of individual they were illegally detaining<sup>17</sup>, and having to reluctantly admit to clerical errors<sup>18</sup> and software errors<sup>19</sup> that resulted in arrests and deportations of migrants with no criminal history, we in Congress and the American people cannot trust the administration's word that they are doing what they say. President Trump and his administration leadership have eroded the trust of the American people and Congress, and we must request all necessary pieces of information to get a truthful picture of your immigration enforcement activities.

Therefore, given these concerns we request the following information by July 18, 2025:

- (1) A breakdown of the criminal charges and convictions migrants that have been arrested and detained by a DHS component from January 20, 2025 to date.
- (2) Of these individuals how many have been deported since January? Please provide a breakdown of their criminal offenses by category.
- (3) How many of the individuals have been found by a court to have proven ties, not alleged ties without proof, to criminal enterprises, gangs, or Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO)?
- (4) What is the policy DHS components follow when deciding to arrest an individual? How are agents and officers deciding who to detain and arrest in public?
- (5) How are agents and officers identifying themselves when they approach an individual to detain and or arrest in the streets?
- (6) What type of training do arresting officers have?
- (7) Are the arresting officers federal agents?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We must remind you of the DHS mission statement which is "With ***honor and integrity***, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, ***and***

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> Armando Garcia, Peter Charalambous, and Katherine Faulders, 'Many' alleged gang members deported by Trump didn't have criminal records in the US: ICE, ABC NEWS (Mar. 18, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/noncitizens-deported-alien-enemies-act-criminal-records-ice/story?id=119912375>

<sup>17</sup> Sara Dorn, *The Conspiracy Behind Kilmar Abrego Garcia's Tattoos Explained-After Trump Insists Doctored 'MS-13' Ink Is Real*, FORBES, (Apr. 30, 2025), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/saradorn/2025/04/30/the-conspiracy-behind-kilmar-abrego-garcias-tattoos-explained-after-trump-insists-doctored-ms-13-ink-is-real/>

<sup>18</sup> Jacob Rose and Camilo Montoya-Galvez, *Trump ICE official admits to "administrative error" in deporting man to El Salvador prison*, CBS NEWS, (Apr. 1, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-administrative-error-deporting-man-el-salvador-prison/>

<sup>19</sup> Russ Choma, *ICE Officials Just Admitted to Another Major Deportation Error*, MOTHER JONES, (May.17, 2025), <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/05/ice-officials-just-admitted-to-another-major-deportation-error/>

*our values.*” It seems you have forgotten this, and we truly hope you reverse course and start leading with integrity and honor while working to keep us safe.

Sincerely,



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J. Luis Correa  
Member of Congress



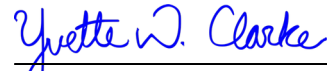
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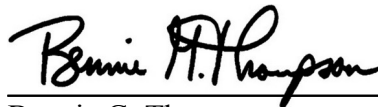
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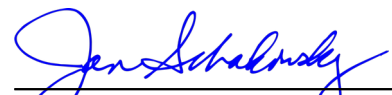
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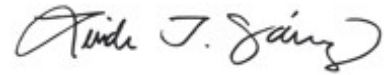
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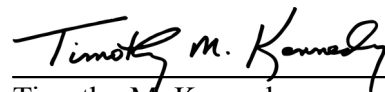
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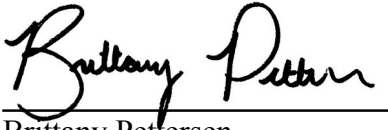
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Brittany Pettersen  
Member of Congress