

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 25, 2025

Mr. Adam Stahl
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator
Transportation Security Administration
6595 Springfield Center Drive
Springfield, VA 20598

Dear Acting Administrator Stahl:

We write today to reiterate longstanding congressional oversight requests regarding the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Quiet Skies program and the Federal Air Marshal Service's (FAMS) surveillance of high-risk travelers and flights, including the intelligence-based justifications for Special Mission Coverage and other FAMS mission assignments. The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC) first requested this information under the Biden administration on August 21, 2024,¹ and reiterated the request on January 30, 2025.² To date, however, TSA has not provided a substantive response.

Recent disclosures suggest that TSA, under the Biden administration, may have engaged in unwarranted screening of individuals based on political beliefs, travel patterns, or other non-security-related factors.³ This is a deeply troubling prospect that demands immediate and unequivocal clarification. Given the gravity of these concerns and TSA's delay in responding to previous inquiries, the House Committee on Homeland Security now formally joins this oversight effort to ensure TSA provides the requested information in a timely manner. The American people deserve to know that the policies governing their security are applied fairly, lawfully, and without political or ideological bias.

We understand that transitioning leadership and managing national security priorities are significant undertakings, and we appreciate the work TSA does to keep Americans safe. However, congressional oversight is not optional. It is a fundamental part of ensuring that security measures are properly implemented without infringing on civil liberties. We are confident that under your leadership, TSA will engage in constructive dialogue and provide the requested information.

¹ Letter from Hon. Rand Paul, Ranking Member, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Gov. Affairs to the Honorable David P. Pekoske (August 21, 2024), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024.08.21_Ranking-Member-Rand-Paul-Letter-to-TSA-Administrator-Pekoske_FINAL.pdf

² Letter from Hon. Rand Paul, Chairman, S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Gov. Affairs to Melanie Harvey (January 30, 2025), (on file with the S. Comm. on Homeland Sec. and Gov. Affairs).

³ *Id* at 1.

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To that end, we reiterate HSGAC's previous requests and ask that TSA submit a complete response. Additionally, given the sensitive nature of this matter, we request that TSA provide a classified briefing to both Committees. This briefing should include a comprehensive overview of the Quiet Skies Program, FAMS Special Mission Coverage, and any related policies governing the identification and monitoring of certain high-risk travelers.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to ensure transparency and accountability in these critical programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rand Paul".

Rand Paul, M.D.
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark E. Green".

Mark E. Green, M.D.
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