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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

This week, Americans watched in horror as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agent murdered an unarmed woman in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Beginning almost immediately after the incident, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”)—and you personally—repeatedly misstated the basic facts of this interaction notwithstanding video evidence that refutes your statements.¹ The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI or “the Subcommittee”) has been conducting an ongoing inquiry into DHS’s use of excessive force in its interactions with U.S. citizens. Specifically, on December 9, 2025, PSI released a report detailing interviews with 22 U.S. Citizens detained by DHS officials, documenting instances of excessive use of force by ICE and Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) agents including shooting an individual five times, breaking ribs, and slamming people to the ground.² The report documented how following such flagrant violations, DHS’s preferred tactic was to claim that its agents were following the law and that those agents were injured by the very individuals whose rights they had violated.³ Claims that, based on all available evidence, proved untrue in each case observed by the Subcommittee. The shooting of Renee Nicole Good in Minnesota is simply the latest and gravest example of DHS’s escalating and indefensible use of force against the American public. Your shameful remarks this week denigrate a beloved mother and Minnesotan and are another entry in this sordid tale of DHS deception and propaganda.

At the same press conference where you misstated how the shooting in Minnesota unfolded, you noted that the ICE agent who fired his weapon “followed his training, did exactly what he’s been taught to do in that situation,”⁴ These comments necessitate asking how

¹ Juliana Kim & Alana Wise, *Democratic leaders respond to fatal ICE shooting in Minneapolis. Here's what we know*, NPR (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.npr.org/2026/01/07/nx-s1-5670289/ice-minneapolis-shooting-immigration-crackdown>.

² S. PERM. SUBCOMM. ON INVESTIGATIONS, 119TH CONG., *Unchecked Authority: Examining the Trump Administration’s Extrajudicial Immigration Detentions of U.S. Citizens* (Dec. 9, 2025), https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025.12.8_ICE-Report-revised-FINAL.pdf.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Associated Press, *Noem defends fatal ICE shooting of Minneapolis woman in remarks to reporters*, PBS NEWS (Jan. 7, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-live-noem-holds-news-conference-in-minneapolis-after-fatal-ice-shooting-of-woman>.

thoroughly, if at all, agents are being trained on DHS policies governing the use of force, what those policies are, and whether, in light of the rapid expansion of its forces –12,000 officers and agents hired in less than a year⁵– speed is being prioritized over safety and substance in the training and hiring of these new officers. While DHS has, thus far, declined to formally identify the name of the ICE agent who shot Ms. Good, they have described him as a 10-year veteran of the agency, further raising the question of whether seasoned officers are receiving adequate updates to their training as well.⁶

To assist the Subcommittee in its inquiry into the rise in instances of excessive use of force by DHS agents, as well as to ascertain the scope of training that agents receive and follow, please provide the following information by January 23, 2026:

1. Describe in detail what evidence demonstrates that the agent who fatally shot Renee Nicole Good “followed his training;”
2. The date on which the agent who fatally shot Renee Nicole Good began his employment with DHS;
3. The hours of training on the use of force and discharge of firearms received by the agent who fatally shot Renee Nicole Good;
4. Any disciplinary records regarding the agent who fatally shot Renee Nicole Good;
5. Whether the ICE agent who shot Renee Nicole Good has been placed on administrative leave or other restricted duty following this incident;
6. Does DHS or its components document instances of excessive use of force by agents during immigration enforcement operations?
 - a. *If so*, please indicate for each component the number of documented instances for years 2024 through 2026.
7. Does DHS or its components document instances of firearm discharge by agents during immigration enforcement operations?
 - a. *If so*, please indicate for each component the number of documented instances for years 2024 through 2026.

In addition, please produce the following records⁷ on or before January 23, 2026:

⁵ Press Release, ICE Announces Historic 120% Manpower Increase, Thanks to Recruitment Campaign that Brought in 12,000 Officers and Agents, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec., (Jan. 3, 2026), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2026/01/03/ice-announces-historic-120-manpower-increase-thanks-recruitment-campaign-brought>.

⁶ While not confirmed by DHS, media reporting has identified the ICE Agent as Johnathan Ross. Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, *Court Records Reveal Details of ICE Agent’s Previous Dragging Incident*, NEW YORK TIMES, (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/08/us/ice-agent-jonathan-ross-minneapolis-shooting.html>.

⁷ For purposes of this request, “records” include any written, recorded, or graphic material of any kind, including letters, memoranda, reports, notes, electronic data (emails, email attachments, and any other electronically-created or stored information), direct messages, chats, calendar entries, inter-office communications,

1. Records reflecting any changes to hiring standards at DHS from 2024 to 2026 including but not limited to: education requirements, age requirements, physical fitness requirements, polygraph requirements, background requirements, and criminal history requirements;
2. Records reflecting any changes to training requirements for DHS agents on the use of force and the discharge of firearms from 2024 to 2026, including but not limited to, policies, procedures, guidance, hours of training, coursework, and simulation exercises;
3. Any and all policies, procedures, guidance, training documents, or other records provided to DHS agents performing immigration enforcement operations pertaining to the use of force and firearms;
4. Any and all policies, procedures, guidance, or other records related to hiring standards or requirements for agents disaggregated by year for 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Please contact the Subcommittee if you have any questions about responding to these requests. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations