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COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

February 12, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Todd Lyons
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20536

Dear Acting Director Lyons,

I write regarding your testimony today before the United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs concerning a May 12, 2025 policy memorandum purporting to authorize ICE immigration officers to enter private property to arrest and detain aliens subject to a final order of removal relying only on a non-judicial, administrative warrant. In response to my question about why you kept that memo a secret, you testified (under oath): "Sir, I didn't keep it secret. If sending an email to a workforce of 30,000 people is keeping something secret, it's a bad secret."¹ You further testified that "I can work with your Committee to get...or with your staff to get that."²

Please provide my office with a copy of the email transmitting this memorandum to Immigration and Customs Enforcement personnel by Tuesday February 17, 2026. Please contact my office if you have any questions about responding to this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard Blumenthal
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

¹ *Oversight Hearing*, S. Comm. On Homeland Sec. and Governmental Affairs, 119th Cong. (Feb. 12, 2026) (testimony of Todd M. Lyons, Senior Off. Performing the Duties of the Dir., U.S. Immigr. and Customs Enforcement).

² *Id.*

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cc: The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs

The Honorable Ron Johnson
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