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Washington, DC 20515

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VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Secretary Mullin,

We write regarding the shocking deaths of two individuals at the hands of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents within the last week. While new facts continue to emerge about both incidents, they seem to follow the same pattern as the murders of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) personnel recklessly firing their weapons and causing avoidable losses of life. And, once again, DHS appears to be responding by issuing false statements about the circumstances surrounding these killings. These incidents raise questions about whether ICE has implemented changes the Trump Administration previously committed to—such as requiring officers to wear body cameras—and how ICE is using the massive funding that Congress appropriated to it.¹ This latest wave of brutality coincides with an apparent surge in immigration enforcement efforts and also raises concerns about whether you have taken any steps to pursue the “better approach” to immigration enforcement that you committed to before being confirmed earlier this year.² The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI) and House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (House Oversight) are conducting an ongoing inquiry into ICE’s continuing abuses, and—consistent with your pledges when confirmed—we request that you immediately provide information and records regarding these tragedies.

¹ See Press Release, U.S. Sen. Comm. on Appropriations Minority, Senator Murray Presses Mullin on Urgent Need for ICE, Border Patrol Reforms & Admin’s Claims About Policy Changes (June 2, 2026), <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/minority/senator-murray-presses-mullin-on-urgent-need-for-ice-border-patrol-reforms-and-admins-claims-about-policy-changes>.

² See *Hearing on Nomination of the Honorable Markwayne Mullin to be Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, S. Comm. On Homeland Sec. and Governmental Affairs, 119th Cong. (March 18, 2026) (testimony of Markwayne Mullin); Ana Faguy, *Five Takeaways from Markwayne Mullin's Homeland Security Confirmation Hearing*, BBC (March 18, 2026), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2k8kp7d832o>; Hamed Aleaziz, *Immigrant Arrests Surge to 10,000 in 5 Days as ICE Clamps Down*, New York Times (July 1, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/01/us/politics/ice-immigrant-arrests-surge.html>.

In the last week, ICE officers have shot and killed individuals in traffic stops in both Texas and Maine. Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, a father of three who had lived in the U.S. for more than 30 years and worked as a home builder, was killed on July 7 in Houston.³ DHS quickly asserted he had rammed an ICE vehicle and “weaponized” his white work van “in an attempt to run over an ICE law enforcement officer.”⁴ Not only have the three witnesses traveling with Mr. Araujo refuted these claims, but they have stated that Mr. Araujo was shot through an open window while driving.⁵ DHS’s contentions are further contradicted by a lack of damage to his vehicle and by video evidence.⁶ On July 13, Joan Sebastian Guerrero was shot while driving in Maine.⁷ Reports indicate that he was 26, from Colombia, and authorized to work in the United States.⁸ DHS released a statement claiming that Mr. Guerrero’s “vehicle attempted to flee the scene and, fearing for public safety, an officer discharged his weapon,” a claim which again appears to contradict the emerging evidence.⁹

If DHS misconstruing the facts of these deaths sounds eerily familiar, it’s because the recent lies are almost verbatim the same untruths DHS issued immediately following the death of Renée Good, when they falsely labeled her an aggressor engaged in domestic terrorism.¹⁰ These incidents are also consistent with the pattern of consistently excessive force and disregard for basic policing norms that has been a hallmark of the second Trump Administration’s federal immigration policies. Over the last eight months, we have convened four bicameral spotlight forums with American citizens who had been detained by DHS agents, subject to excessive force at the hands of DHS agents, had agents burst into their homes without warrants, and seen DHS repeatedly exhibit reckless disregard for children’s welfare.¹¹ The witnesses have detailed lies similar to those

³ ‘His Blood is on Trump’s Hands’: Man Killed by ICE in Texas Mourned at Vigil, The Guardian (July 12, 2026), <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jul/12/lorenzo-salgado-araujo-texas-killed-ice-vigil>.

⁴ Arelia Hernandez, *Migrants Who Saw Man Killed by ICE in Houston Say He Did Not Ram Officers*, Wash. Post (July 10, 2026), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2026/07/10/migrants-who-saw-man-killed-by-ice-houston-say-he-did-not-ram-officers/>.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*; NBC News, *New Surveillance Video Raises Questions in Deadly ICE Shooting* (July 10, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/new-surveillance-video-raises-questions-in-deadly-ice-shooting-266521669879>.

⁷ Jacey Fortin et al., *ICE Agent Kills Person in Vehicle in Maine, State Officials Say*, N.Y. Times (July 13, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/13/us/biddeford-maine-ice-shooting.html>; Alison Durkee, *Man Shot By ICE in Maine Was Not Operation’s Target, Senator Says*, Forbes (July 13, 2026), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisondurkee/2026/07/13/man-shot-by-ice-in-maine-was-not-operations-target-senator-says/>.

⁸ Suzanne Gamboa and Nicole Acevedo, *Man Fatally Shot by ICE Officer in Maine Wasn’t the Target of Arrest Warrant, Senator’s Spokesman Says*, NBC News (July 13, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/biddeford-maine-ice-investigation-fatal-shooting-rcna587279>.

⁹ *DHS Says ICE Officer who Fatally Shot Driver in Maine Was ‘Fearing for Public Safety’*, PBS (July 14, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/dhs-says-ice-officer-who-fatally-shot-driver-in-maine-was-fearing-for-public-safety>.

¹⁰ Renee Hickman et al., *In Six Violent Encounters, Evidence Contradicts Trump Immigration Officials’ Narratives*, Reuters (Jan. 28, 2026), <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/evidence-contradicts-trump-immigration-officials-accounts-violent-encounters-2026-01-27/>.

¹¹ See Press Release, Blumenthal Delivers Opening Statement at Forum on How DHS Policies Hurt Children (March 24, 2026), <https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/videoblumenthal-delivers-opening-statement-at-forum-on-how-dhs-policies-hurt-children>; Press Release, Witness Testimony: Blumenthal &

ICE continues to peddle here. Montessori school teacher Marimar Martinez, who detailed her shock at DHS labeling her a domestic terrorist after an agent baselessly shot her five times, remarked that on Friday she “was teaching the young children at the Montessori school and we were singing and dancing” when “on Saturday my own Government was calling me a ‘domestic terrorist’ and I was in a federal detention center with bullet holes all over my body.”¹² Another American citizen, Andrea Velez, spoke about how ICE detained her for days and falsely accused her of assaulting an ICE agent, only to drop those charges two days later for lack of evidence.¹³

These recent killings also highlight DHS’s continued delays in providing body cameras to ICE agents despite ample funding. In the wake of the deaths of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti, your predecessor promised in February 2026 that DHS would rapidly acquire and deploy body cameras to DHS law enforcement across the country.¹⁴ This initiative was needed given that, as of March 2026, less than a quarter of ICE agents had body cameras despite the agency’s massive increase in funding.¹⁵ But, despite that promise five months ago, none of the agents involved in the incidents in Texas or Maine were reportedly equipped with body cameras.¹⁶

DHS agents also apparently continue to engage in the reckless act of shooting at moving vehicles. This is contrary to basic policing practice: the police departments of all the 25 largest cities in the United States have policies that generally prohibit firing at moving vehicles.¹⁷ This prohibition is about protecting human life, as (among many reasons) errant bullets can hit innocent

Robert Garcia Receive Testimony About ICE Abuses from Whistleblower, U.S. Citizen Whose Rights were Violated, & Former Top Lawyer at DHS (Feb. 23, 2026), https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/witness-testimony-blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-ice-abuses-from-whistleblower-us-citizen-whose-rights-were-violated_former-top-lawyer-at-dhs; Press Release, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Witness Testimony: Blumenthal & Robert Garcia Receive Testimony About U.S. Citizens Assaulted, Shot at & Killed by DHS Agents (Feb. 3, 2026), https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/witness-testimony-blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-us-citizens-assaulted-shot-at_killed-by-dhs-agents; Press Release, Blumenthal & Robert Garcia to Hold Forum to Receive Testimony from Five U.S. Citizens Assaulted, Illegally Detained by DHS (Dec. 6, 2025), <https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-to-hold-forum-to-receive-testimony-from-five-us-citizens-assaulted-illegally-detained-by-dhs>.

¹² Statement of Marimar Martinez, Public Forum Examining DHS’ Use of Violence in Immigration Enforcement (Feb. 3, 2026), https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-2-3_marimar_martinez_statement.pdf.

¹³ Statement of Andrea Velez, Forum to Receive Testimony from Five U.S. Citizens Assaulted, Illegally Detained by DHS (Dec. 9, 2025), https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2025-12-9_andrea_vez_testimony.pdf.

¹⁴ Rebecas Santana, *Every Homeland Security Officer in Minneapolis is Getting a Body-Worn Camera, Noem Says*, Associated Press (Feb. 2, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/every-homeland-security-officer-in-minneapolis-is-getting-a-body-worn-camera-noem-says>.

¹⁵ Brianna Seid & Ram Subramanian, *Can Body Cameras Help Hold ICE Accountable?*, Brennan Ctr. for Justice (March 20, 2026), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/can-body-cameras-help-hold-ice-accountable>.

¹⁶ See Fortin, *supra* note 7.

¹⁷ Noah Lanard, *Cops Are Taught Not to Shoot Into Cars. ICE Keeps Doing It Anyway.*, Mother Jones (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2026/01/renee-good-minneapolis-shooting-ice-trump-cops-taught-not-shoot-at-cars/>.

bystanders.¹⁸ Indeed, the idea that an ICE officer shot at a moving vehicle in Maine when “fearing for public safety” would suggest a fundamental flaw in ICE’s training, as shooting at a moving vehicle would almost certainly create a much greater public safety hazard.¹⁹ That this agent was a new ICE recruit also raises yet again troubling questions concerning the haphazard training ICE gives agents before placing them in the field, an issue highlighted by whistleblower Ryan Schwank at the February 23, 2026 spotlight forum we convened.²⁰

We continue to hope that we will see the “better approach” you promised to immigration enforcement. These two shootings, DHS agents’ failure to use body cameras, and DHS’s statements regarding these incidents unfortunately seem like more of the same. Indeed, your decision to pause ICE vehicle stops nationwide followed by President Trump’s immediate rescission of that policy is, if anything, a worse approach than what came before.²¹ To assist PSI and House Oversight in its ongoing inquiry into DHS’s continuing abuses, please provide the following information by July 30, 2026:

1. Is ICE currently undertaking a surge in immigration enforcement in particular areas in the United States? If so, please identify the locations where that surge is taking place and when it began.
2. Please identify any policies, procedures, or other changes you have initiated as part of your “better approach” to immigration enforcement.
3. Please provide a detailed list of all incidents since January 20, 2025, in which an ICE agent discharged a firearm, including the date, location, and justification for this use of force.
4. Does DHS have any policies regarding firing at moving vehicles? Has it revised or reviewed those policies in the wake of the killing of Renée Good?
5. When does DHS expect that every agent will be provided a body camera?
6. Has DHS provided agents with clear guidance on body camera activation protocols? Please describe the form of that guidance in detail, including when it was most recently revised and how it was provided to DHS agents.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ See DHS (@DHSgov), X (July 13, 2026), <https://x.com/DHSgov/status/2076798878595342620>; *What to Know About the Rules for Officers Firing at a Moving Vehicle*, Associated Press (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://apnews.com/article/ice-minneapolis-police-rules-shooting-moving-vehicle-e8af318ca5253b43a893b4c76e6f6a03>.

²⁰ Nick Miroff, *The Shooter in Maine Was a New ICE Recruit*, The Atlantic (July 14, 2026), <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/2026/07/ice-vehicle-shooting-maine-dhs/687912/>.

²¹ Susan Heavey, Kristina Cooke and Joseph Ax, *Trump reverses suspension of ICE traffic stops after fatal shootings*, Reuters (July 15, 2026), <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/trump-says-ice-wont-halt-traffic-stops-after-recent-fatal-shootings-2026-07-15/>.

7. Has DHS updated its use of force guidelines since January 1, 2026, or does it have any present plans to review and update its use of force guidelines? Please describe in detail the steps and timeline for any planned review.

In addition, please produce the following records²² by July 30, 2026, and update the production on a rolling basis every two weeks thereafter:

1. All records, including communications,²³ regarding DHS's policy for the use and activation of body cameras;
2. All records, including communications, regarding DHS's policies or guidance concerning discharging firearms at moving vehicles;
3. All records regarding the shooting of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo; and
4. All records regarding the shooting of Joan Sebastian Guerrero.

Please contact Subcommittee staff should you have any questions about responding to this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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²² 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, meeting minutes, phone/voice mail or recordings/records of verbal communications, and drafts (whether or not they resulted in final documents).

²³ For purposes of this request, "communications" include any records, as defined above, transmitted in any way between two or more individuals or entities.

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