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COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane SW
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

As members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, we urge you immediately to provide information related to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contract and grant awards that may be implicated by a reported Department of Justice (DOJ) / FBI investigation into White House Border Czar Tom Homan.

On September 20, 2025 MSNBC reported that, in September 2024, Mr. Homan had accepted \$50,000 in cash from undercover FBI agents who were posing as business executives.¹ According to these reports, Mr. Homan accepted this money in exchange for agreeing to help the undercover agents win government contracts if Donald Trump was re-elected.² The FBI and DOJ reportedly intended to continue the investigation into President Trump's second term to see if Mr. Homan would deliver on his promise.³ However, President Trump's appointees inexplicably closed the investigation after the FBI Director reportedly made inquiries about its status.⁴

If true, this alleged conduct by a senior government official is unacceptable. The fact that the incoming Trump Administration reportedly closed this investigation prematurely raises further concerns that the Administration is weaponizing our system of justice to protect the President's friends and to persecute his political foes.

These allegations are particularly concerning considering Mr. Homan's apparent conflicts of interest and recent contracts that have reportedly been awarded to his previous clients and companies. For example, Mr. Homan previously worked as a consultant for the GEO Group, a

¹ *Tom Homan was investigated for accepting \$50,000 from undercover FBI agents. Trump's DOJ shut it down*, MSNBC (Sep. 20, 2025) (www.msnbc.com/msnbc/news/tom-homan-cash-contracts-trump-doj-investigation-rcna232568).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

private prison corporation that is also a leading contractor for ICE.⁵ Since the start of the Trump Administration, GEO Group has been awarded several new contracts, including a 15-year contract valued at \$1 billion for a detention facility in New Jersey.⁶ Additionally, media reporting indicates that Mr. Homan played a key part in hiring a former GEO Group executive to a top ICE position that oversees contracts for immigrant detention centers.⁷

Congress just provided an additional \$170 billion for border security and interior immigration enforcement through the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” with \$45 billion just for the construction of detention centers. It is critical that the American people be able to trust that the influence of White House and other government officials has not been bought, and that contracts will be awarded to companies based on merit, not to those willing to pay bribes. Our homeland security should not be for sale so that one official can provide favors to his friends, and we encourage the Department to treat this investigation with the seriousness it deserves.

We request that you provide the following documents and information, and provide a briefing to our staff, by October 10, 2025:

1. All contracts and grants awarded since January 20, 2025, by DHS or any of its agencies (including but not limited to ICE) for which Tom Homan had any involvement, offered any input, or provided or encouraged approval or denial. Please describe Mr. Homan’s involvement.
2. All of Mr. Homan’s communications (including but not limited to emails and text messages) since January 20, 2025, related to any contract or grant awarded by DHS or any of its agencies (including but not limited to ICE).
3. The complete contract files for all awards made to GEO Group, Inc. since January 20, 2025.
4. All communications between employees, officers, or representatives of the GEO Group, Inc. and any federal government employee since January 20, 2025.
5. All information related to meetings Tom Homan has had with Department of Homeland Security officials about contract or grant awards.
6. All information related to other contracts that were considered for the construction of the New Jersey detention facility that was eventually awarded to GEO Group.

⁵ *Trump’s border czar earned consulting fees from immigrant detention firm*, Washington Post (May 27, 2025) (www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/05/27/border-czar-ethics-consulting-fees/).

⁶ *The GEO Group Awarded 15-Year Contract by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for Company-Owned, 1,000-Bed Delaney Hall Facility in New Jersey*, GEO Group (Feb. 27, 2025) (www.investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-awarded-15-year-contract-us-immigration-and-customs).

⁷ *The former private prison exec behind ICE’s immigrant detention surge*, Washington Post (Aug. 1, 2025) (www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/08/01/ice-david-venturella-geo-immigration-detention/).

7. All information related to meetings Tom Homan has taken with his previous clients while serving as the White House Border Czar.

Sincerely,



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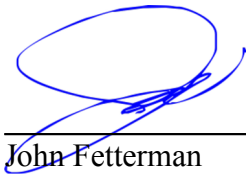
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