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Washington, DC 20528



**Homeland  
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May 8, 2026

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Blumenthal:

Thank you for your March 31, 2026 letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has not rescinded the memorandum; however, I have paused the practice of entering an illegal alien's residence who is subject to a final order of removal with an I-205, *Warrant of Removal/Deportation*,<sup>1</sup> while I assess the policy.

Thank you again for your letter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 447-5890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Markwayne Mullin".

Markwayne Mullin  
Secretary of Homeland Security

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<sup>1</sup> The alien must have been subject to a final order of removal issued by an immigration judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, a magistrate judge, or a district court judge and there had been reason to believe the subject alien resided at and was located at the address where the I-205 was served.