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## United States Senate

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

March 30, 2026

Mr. William A. Walters III  
Chief Executive Officer  
Salus Worldwide Solutions  
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Dear Mr. Walters:

We write regarding allegations that Corey Lewandowski, who until recently served as a Special Government Employee (SGE) and chief advisor at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), repeatedly solicited personal payments from government contractors, including Salus Worldwide Solutions (Salus), in exchange for favorable contract decisions.<sup>1</sup> If true, this conduct constitutes blatant corruption and a violation of federal bribery and procurement integrity laws and regulations.<sup>2</sup>

Recent reporting describes a troubling pattern of alleged pay-to-play conduct by Mr. Lewandowski, including detailed allegations involving Salus. According to the report, Salus allegedly invited a marketing firm to work on a \$20 million DHS contract on the condition that the marketing firm hire Mr. Lewandowski as a consultant. “We need to make sure we are properly thanking the person who gave [the contract] to us,” a Salus representative allegedly told the owner of the marketing firm.<sup>3</sup> Salus is also involved in another questionable no-bid DHS contract worth nearly \$1 billion to administer the Trump administration’s self-deportation efforts.<sup>4</sup> Salus won this contract despite incorporating in 2023 and never previously receiving a federal contract.<sup>5</sup> This raises further questions about whether contracts or other transactions may have been awarded on the basis of remuneration for Mr. Lewandowski.

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<sup>1</sup> Julia Ainsley, Matt Dixon, et al., “Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski,” *NBC News*, Mar. 19, 2026, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744>.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.*, 18 U.S.C. § 201, 48 CFR § 3; 41 U.S.C. §§ 8701-8707; 18 U.S.C. § 208 (prohibiting special government employees from personally and substantially participating in any particular matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on the employee’s financial interests).

<sup>3</sup> Ainsley, Dixon, et al., “Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski.”

<sup>4</sup> Nick Schwellenbach and Dan Friedman, “Unraveling the Corporate Ties to DHS’s “Big, Beautiful Jet”,” *Project On Government Oversight*, Mar. 10, 2026, <https://www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet>.

<sup>5</sup> Isaac Arnsdorf, “DHS fast-tracked \$1 billion contract to pro-Trump donor’s company,” *The Washington Post*, Dec. 17, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/12/17/dhs-contract-trump-donor/>.

These allegations are particularly troubling due to Mr. Lewandowski's designation as an SGE, a status that enables individuals to consult for the government on a temporary, unpaid basis while still on the payroll of private companies.<sup>6</sup> SGEs are subject to many of the same conflict of interest laws as all other federal employees.<sup>7</sup> To further prevent conflicts of interest among SGEs, Congress set a maximum period of service of 130 days per year—a restriction Mr. Lewandowski appears to have violated.<sup>8</sup> While then-Secretary Noem testified under oath before Congress on March 3, 2026, that Mr. Lewandowski had no role in approving DHS contracts, there are numerous reports indicating that this is not true.<sup>9</sup> For example, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that, at Mr. Lewandowski's urging, DHS moved away from long-term contracts in favor of new contracts, most of which were subject to then-Secretary Noem's \$100,000 approval policy.<sup>10</sup> Furthermore, publicly available evidence suggests that, as part of this policy, he reviewed all DHS contracts worth more than \$100,000 before then-Secretary Noem's final approval.<sup>11</sup> If true, Mr. Lewandowski was directly involved with contracts or other transactions to the very same companies from whom he may have directly or indirectly received financial compensation.

Federal law is unambiguous: it is illegal to give, offer, or promise anything of value to influence official acts by public officials.<sup>12</sup> In light of these serious allegations, we request that Salus preserve all records that are subject to pending or anticipated litigation or Congressional inquiries related to Salus contracting practices and the company's interactions with Mr. Lewandowski, and to provide the following documents and information by April 13, 2026:

1. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, e-mail, text messages, and Signal communications or other encrypted messaging apps, between officers and executives of Salus, including, but not limited to, its affiliates and subsidiaries, and Mr. Lewandowski, since November 5, 2024;
2. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, e-mail, text messages, and Signal communications or other encrypted messaging apps, between Salus and procurement, acquisition, contracting, or ethics officials at DHS or its components, regarding upcoming contracts, solicitations, contract extensions, other transactions, or other business opportunities, since January 21, 2025;

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<sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 202(a); Sean Craig, "Corey Lewandowski Gets a Job In, of All Places, Kristi Noem's DHS," *Daily Beast*, Feb. 12, 2025, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/corey-lewandowski-gets-a-job-in-of-all-places-kristi-noems-dhs/>.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Office of Government Ethics, A Summary of Ethical Requirements Applicable to SGEs, DO-00-003, Feb. 15, 2000, [https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News+Releases/5E9A1888068E7CDE852585BA005BED9D/\\$FILE/DO-00-003-2.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News+Releases/5E9A1888068E7CDE852585BA005BED9D/$FILE/DO-00-003-2.pdf).

<sup>8</sup> Marc Caputo, Brittany Gibson, et al., "Lewandowski back for another year as DHS's part-time power broker," *Axios*, Jan. 23, 2026, <https://www.axios.com/2026/01/23/corey-lewandowski-kristi-noem-homeland-security>.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua Kaplan and Justin Elliott, "Kristi Noem Misled Congress About Top Aide's Role in DHS Contracts," *ProPublica*, Mar. 4, 2026, [www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-misled-senate-judiciary-corey-lewandowski-contracts](http://www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-misled-senate-judiciary-corey-lewandowski-contracts).

<sup>10</sup> Michelle Hackman, Josh Dawsey, et al., "A Pilot Fired Over Kristi Noem's Missing Blanket and the Constant Chaos Inside DHS," *Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 12, 2026, [www.wsj.com/politics/policy/chaos-kristi-noem-homeland-security-f095ac95](http://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/chaos-kristi-noem-homeland-security-f095ac95).

<sup>11</sup> Ainsley, Dixon, et al., "Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski."

<sup>12</sup> 18 U.S.C § 201

3. Documents that evidence any direct or indirect payment from Salus, including, but not limited to, its officers, executives, employees, affiliates, and subsidiaries, to Mr. Lewandowski, including, but not limited to, any entity of which Mr. Lewandowski is or has been a trustee, officer, beneficial owner, or employee, since November 5, 2024; and
4. Documents sufficient to show all invoices to Salus, including, but limited to, its officers, executives, employees, affiliates, and subsidiaries, from Mr. Lewandowski, including, but not limited to, entities of which Mr. Lewandowski is or was a trustee, officer, beneficial owner, or employee, since November 5, 2024.

It is essential that the public maintains full confidence in the integrity of federal spending, ensuring that all contracts are awarded through a competitive, merit-based process that upholds the highest ethical standards, rather than personal influence. We expect your full cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



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Ruben Gallego  
United States Senator



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Gary C. Peters  
United States Senator  
Ranking Member, Committee  
on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs



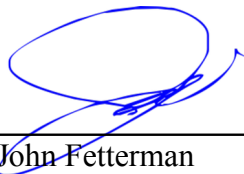
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