

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Chairman  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn House Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Jordan,

Under Secretary Kristi Noem's leadership, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has done irreversible harm to our constituents, trampling the rights of all people and disregarding the rule of law. Secretary Noem has established a clear pattern of lawless behavior, mirrored in the behavior of rank-and-file members of her leadership team and enforcement agents. She disregards the separation of powers, breaks the law, violates the standards of ethical behavior set for those in public office, and misuses resources appropriated by Congress. When taken together, her actions violate her oath of office.

Notably:

- Secretary Noem has misused resources appropriated by Congress and engaged in unethical behavior.
  - Reports established that at least one beneficiary of DHS's wasteful \$200 million, taxpayer-funded propaganda campaign had long-standing and personal ties to the Secretary and her senior aides at DHS. The Strategy Group's involvement in the ad campaign is a clear example of money flowing from DHS to those with ties to Secretary Noem, her allies, and her friends.<sup>1</sup>
  - Secretary Noem has also exploited her position to purchase two Gulfstream private jets for \$172 million.<sup>2</sup>
  - Secretary Noem ordered a partisan video to be played in airports nationwide during the government shutdown that began on October 1, in clear violation of the Hatch Act.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> ProPublica, *Firm Tied to Kristi Noem Secretly Got Money From \$200 Million DHS Ad Contracts*. (November 14, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-becausenota-andm-dhs-ad-campaign-strategy-group>.

<sup>2</sup> The New York Times, *Coast Guard Buys Two Private Jets for Noem, Costing \$172 Million* (October 18, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/18/us/politics/kristi-noem-dhs-gulfstream.html>

<sup>3</sup> Associated Press, *Some airports refuse to play Noem video on shutdown impact, saying it's political* (October 14, 2025), <https://apnews.com/article/tsa-video-airports-shutdown-noem-cb6967f94f9c3949c687ddc69f03a801>

- Secretary Noem has repeatedly made false and misleading statements to Congress and to the press.
  - Secretary Noem claimed that ICE and Border Patrol had not detained American citizens; however, reporting shows that at least 170 U.S. Citizens have had their rights and civil liberties violated by DHS.<sup>4</sup>
  - Secretary Noem claimed that DHS could not bring back Kilmar Abrego; however, in reality, they brought him back to the U.S. shortly thereafter.<sup>5</sup>
  - Secretary Noem misrepresented the engagement that led to the use of excessive force on Senator Alex Padilla at a press conference.<sup>6</sup>
  - Secretary Noem misrepresented the number of people with a criminal background DHS had detained; in reality, nationally, approximately 75,000 people have been detained who do not have a criminal record.<sup>7</sup>
  - Secretary Noem misrepresented the events that led to the murder of Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old American citizen in Minnesota, by ICE agents, and the shooting of Marimar Martinez, a 30-year-old American citizen, in Chicago by CBP agents.<sup>8</sup>
- Secretary Noem has undermined the separation of powers and disregarded the role of Congress and the Courts.
  - After assuring on the record that DHS abides by all court orders, Secretary Noem violated court orders by not turning around deportation flights bound for El Salvador.<sup>9</sup>
  - The Secretary's rank and file have also continued to disregard court orders under her leadership. In Chicago, DHS agents have used chemical weapons at least four times, despite court orders from District Court Judge Ellis forbidding federal agents from using riot control weapons on November 6th.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> ProPublica, *We Found That More Than 170 U.S. Citizens Have Been Held by Immigration Agents. They've Been Kicked, Dragged and Detained for Days.* (October 16, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/immigration-dhs-american-citizens-arrested-detained-against-will>

<sup>5</sup> NBC News, *Kilmar Abrego Garcia has been returned to the U.S. to face federal criminal charges* (June 6, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/kilmar-abrego-garcia-was-mistakenly-deported-el-salvador-will-face-fed-rcna211514>

<sup>6</sup> ABC News, *Democrats condemn senator being pushed doJudiciary Committee to conduct a thorough and handcuffed at Noem press conference* (June 12, 2025), <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/democrats-condemn-sen-alex-padillas-treatment-noem-news/story?id=122787892>

<sup>7</sup> NBC News, *ICE has arrested nearly 75,000 people with no criminal records, data shows* (December 7, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/ice-arrested-nearly-75000-people-no-criminal-records-data-shows-rcna247377>

<sup>8</sup> Chicago Tribune, *Feds' statements after Minneapolis driver killed by ICE officer echo pattern from Midway Blitz in Chicago* (January 7, 2026), <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2026/01/07/feds-statements-after-minneapolis-driver-killed-by-ice-officer-echo-pattern-from-midway-blitz-in-chicago/>

<sup>9</sup> CBS News, *Noem made decision not to turn around deportation flights bound for El Salvador after judge's order, DOJ says* (November 25, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/noem-decision-el-salvador-deportations-trump-judge-order/>

<sup>10</sup> WTTW, *Federal Judge Imposes Strict Restrictions on Immigration Agents' Use of Force Against Protesters, Media, Clergy.* (November 6, 2025), <https://news.wttw.com/2025/11/06/federal-judge-says-border-patrol-chief-greg-bovino-lied-about-being-hit-rock-deploying>

On December 11, 2025, an official request was made for the House Committee of Judiciary to conduct a complete investigation into Secretary Noem's unlawful and potentially impeachable actions. Despite evidence of Noem's wrongdoing, your spokesperson characterized the request as ridiculous and toothless.<sup>11</sup> Since the official request was made, the pattern of lawless behavior has continued, culminating on Jan 7, 2026, with the ICE-involved death of 37-year old citizen Renee Nicole Good in Minneapolis.

As members of Congress, it is our responsibility as public servants charged with the Constitutional duty of oversight to ensure justice and accountability when those who hold public office violate their oath and the laws of the United States of America. As such, we call again on the House Judiciary Committee to fulfill its obligation and conduct a thorough investigation into Secretary Noem's unlawful and potentially impeachable actions.

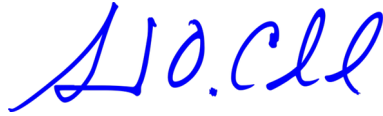
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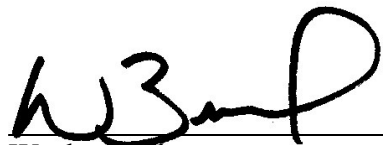
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<sup>11</sup> Axios, *Scoop: Kristi Noem added to Dems' impeachment target list* (December 12, 2015)  
<https://www.axios.com/2025/12/11/kristi-noem-impeachment-democrat-dhs-rfk-trump>



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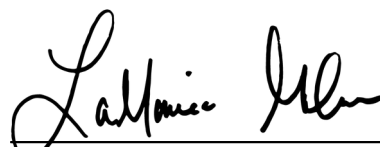
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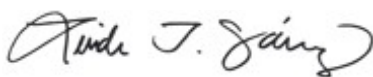
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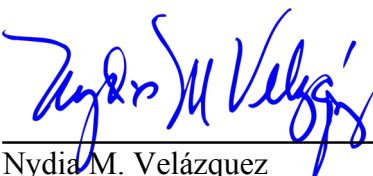
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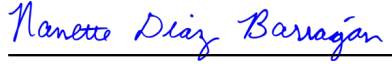
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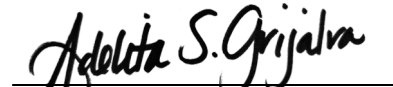
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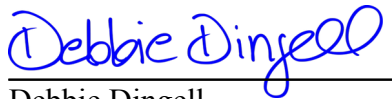
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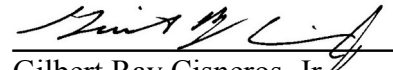
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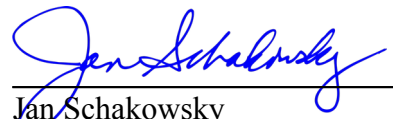
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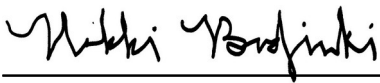
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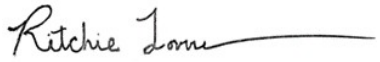
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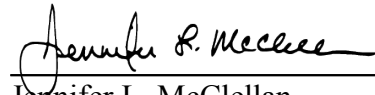
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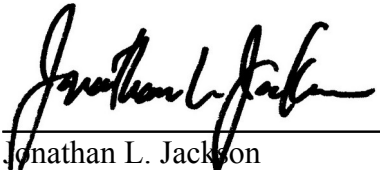
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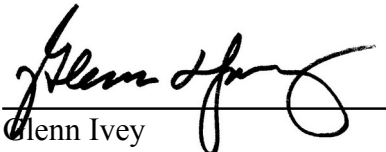
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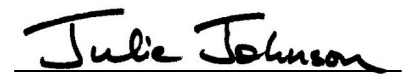
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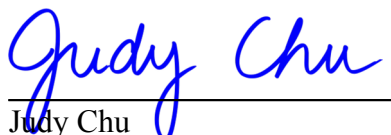
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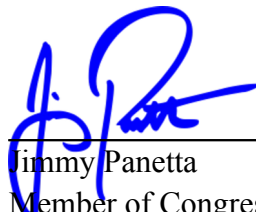
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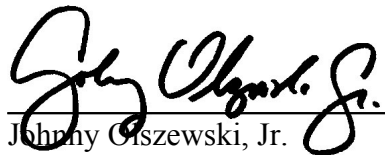
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