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Administrator Cummins and Acting Director Venturella,

As members of Congress, we are deeply concerned by evidence of a new data sharing agreement between the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The increased data sharing activity has driven a spike in immigration enforcement activities at airports across the country¹, raising privacy, civil liberty and safety concerns for all U.S. residents and international visitors traveling through airports. TSA must disclose the new data sharing agreement, and ICE should immediately halt these dangerous airport arrests.

Through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation, the organization American Oversight obtained a partially redacted memorandum of agreement (MOA) signed in May 2025 that formalized a new data-sharing partnership between TSA and ICE.² This agreement documents that TSA is sharing personally identifiable information, including passenger names and birth dates, and other data with ICE to conduct immigration enforcement.³ The agreement appears to contradict former Acting TSA Administrator Ha Nguyen McNeill's sworn congressional testimony that TSA does not send such information to ICE.⁴

In fact, as of April 2026, TSA reportedly shared the personal information of more than 31,000 travelers with ICE, which led to more than 800 immigration-related arrests.⁵ Since TSA and ICE have not publicly disclosed the unredacted information sharing agreement, or how it works in

¹ Fernando Cervantes Jr., "New ICE tactic targets travelers at US Airports," *USA Today*, July 29, 2026, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/2026/07/29/why-ice-arresting-travelers-us-airports/91096967007/>.

² "American Oversight Obtains Previously Undisclosed TSA-ICE Agreement, Raises Questions About Sworn Trump Admin Testimony," *American Oversight*, July 28, 2026, <https://americanoversight.org/ice-tsa-data-sharing-agreement-lawsuit-foia-07282026/>.

³ *Id.*

⁴ House Homeland Security Committee, "Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security: CISA, TSA, S&T," January 21, 2026, <https://homeland.house.gov/hearing/oversight-of-the-department-of-homeland-security-cisa-tsa-st/>; "American Oversight Calls on Newly Confirmed TSA Administrator to Come Clean on TSA-ICE Agreement," *American Oversight*, July 31, 2026, <https://americanoversight.org/tsa-ice-administrator-david-cummins-data-sharing-agreement-07312026/>.

practice, it remains unclear how information is shared and why immigrants are targeted for arrest. ICE arrests at airports have appeared indiscriminate, targeting the newlywed spouses of U.S. citizens, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) holder, a Ugandan woman in a wheelchair who has sickle cell anemia and an active asylum application, an engineer awaiting a work-visa extension, and a flight attendant with a valid work permit.⁶ In Atlanta, ICE officers handcuffed a U.S. citizen and pinned him against a wall, despite him telling agents he is an American citizen.⁷ At Las Vegas's Harry Reid International Airport, ICE officers were filmed tackling a 57-year-old Australian citizen to the ground during an attempted arrest.⁸

TSA's mission is to "[p]rotect the nation's transportation systems to ensure freedom of movement for people and commerce."⁹ By sharing sensitive information for purposes unrelated to facilitating safe domestic air travel, TSA jeopardizes its mission and joins the administration's extreme mass detention and deportation strategy. Further, by sharing passenger data with ICE, TSA is contributing to a pattern of executive overreach and abuses of power that sidestep due process and expand the surveillance state, making us all less safe.

We request your prompt and detailed responses to the questions outlined below no later than September 7, 2026:

1. How many individual's personally identifiable information (PII) has TSA shared with ICE under the May 2025 MOA?
 - a. Has TSA shared the PII of U.S. citizens under this agreement? If so, how many?
2. How many people have been arrested or detained as a result of TSA's information sharing with ICE under the May 2025 MOA?
 - a. How many of those people were pursuing applications for asylum or other lawful immigration benefits?
 - b. How many of those people were U.S. citizens?
3. Please provide the full, unredacted May 2025 memorandum of agreement detailing the data-sharing partnership between TSA and ICE and any related agency guidance or training materials, as well as any subsequently proposed or executed information sharing agreements between TSA and ICE.

⁵ Ted Hesson and Kristina Cooke, "ICE arrested more than 800 people after tips from US airport security agency," *Reuters*, April 7, 2026, <https://www.reuters.com/world/ice-arrested-more-than-800-people-after-tips-us-airport-security-agency-2026-04-07/>.

⁶ Hamed Aleaziz and Miriam Jordan, "ICE Arrests Surge at Airports, Opening New Front in Deportation Drive," *New York Times*, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/28/us/ice-arrests-airports-visa-overstay.html>; Nicole Acevedo, "Immigrant activist's detention highlights DACA recipients' growing deportation risks," *NBC News*, August 28, 2025, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/daca-activist-detained-deportation-trump-immigration-crackdown-rcna227755>; Liam Bowman and Liam Scott, "ICE is expanding its arrests at airports to new targets, lawyers say," *Washington Post*, July 30, 2026, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2026/07/30/ice-is-expanding-its-arrests-airports-new-targets-lawyers-say/>.

⁷ Ashley Webb, "US citizen detained by ICE at Atlanta Airport as he boarded flights," *WSB-TV Atlanta*, <https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/us-citizen-detained-by-ice-atlanta-airport-he-boarded-plane/S67XCCONANCJDIGQPXYUCMBW5E/>.

⁸ Wuefei Yu, "Outrage after ICE agents tackle man at Las Vegas airport," *AP*, July 16, 2026, <https://apnews.com/article/las-vegas-ice-airport-arrest-553273b1f51c5e999396c147de8729fe>.

⁹ Transportation Security Administration (TSA), "About," accessed August 17, 2026, <https://www.tsa.gov/about/tsa-mission>.

4. Please detail TSA's process for sharing information with ICE under the May 2025 MOA. Specifically, please detail if the information shared with ICE is selected and identified based on ICE requests, or if TSA data is shared in bulk transmissions.
5. Please describe the role of ICE's Pacific Enforcement Response Center in identifying individuals for arrest or detention at domestic airports.
6. Please explain how requests from ICE to share information under the MOA do not violate the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Fourth Amendment's protections against unreasonable search and seizure?
7. Has TSA and/or ICE instituted any protections to ensure that arrests at airports do not endanger the safety of passengers and airport and airline staff?

Handing travelers' private information over to immigration officers for the purposes of conducting immigration enforcement without warrants or due process violates long-standing safeguards meant to protect the safety and rights of the American people. TSA must acknowledge the dangerous precedent associated with forging secret agreements that allow the government to expand how it uses residents' personal information absent consent, guardrails, transparency, or oversight. The consequences of such action reach far beyond immigration and raise profound concerns about privacy, civil liberties, and public trust. TSA and ICE must change course immediately.

Sincerely,



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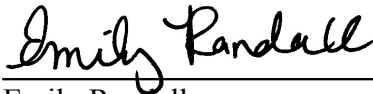
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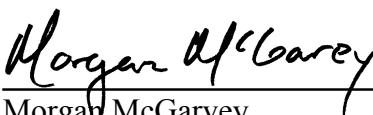
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