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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

It is clear that you and the Trump Administration have abused the power of the Department of Homeland Security to pursue a campaign of persecution, mass incarceration, and deportation. Since your appointment, you have disregarded the authority of Congress, the rule of law, the constitutional rights of residents, the courts, due process, and every check and balance that protects us from authoritarianism.

Under your supervision, DHS has irreversibly harmed Americans. You have exploited your position to weaponize enforcement to detain, deport, and violate people. Your shameful actions have also left children and women vulnerable and without counsel. You have wasted millions of taxpayer dollars to run anti-immigrant campaigns and illegally detain people in offshore prisons without due process. Your intentional criminalization of immigrants and dissenting voices against your deplorable acts, threatens the foundations of our democracy.

As a Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I take my obligation to provide oversight seriously. I have written letters and, on the record, have demanded you come before the committee to answer our questions. The lack of answers and the dismantling of oversight measures within the department, including the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, demonstrates your lack of commitment to accountability. Because your efforts are emboldened by House Republicans who continue to postpone and cancel oversight committee activities like today's hearing, "Case-by-Case: Returning Parole to its Proper Purpose," there is only one step left for me to take.

I believe in due process, the rule of law, and the Constitution. I believe in our democracy, in checks and balances, and accountability. I believe that we are less safe by undermining our laws and processes. And because I believe in those things, I cannot allow you to continue to violate the rights of the people, undermine due process, and misuse our resources. You are one of the greatest threats to our national security.

Kristi Noem, I am demanding you resign from your position as Secretary of Homeland Security effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delia C. Ramirez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress