



**One Hundred Nineteenth Congress  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515**

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Ms. Orice Williams Brown  
Acting Comptroller General of the United States  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street NW  
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Dear Acting Comptroller General Williams Brown:

Last fall, we wrote to request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) review whether Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem violated the law by using government resources to produce and disseminate a partisan, political video during a lapse in appropriations. Today, we write to request that GAO expand its ongoing legal review to include another partisan, political video the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has reportedly produced and disseminated during a lapse in appropriations.<sup>1</sup>

Though Secretary Noem’s lawless tenure atop DHS is thankfully coming to an end, lawbreaking within the Department apparently continues unabated. Today, according to reports, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) disseminated a video to airports across the country which states, “You may be experiencing longer-than-average wait times due to the ongoing Democrat shutdown of TSA and the Department of Homeland Security.”<sup>2</sup> The unnecessary and inaccurate insertion of the word “Democrat” not only breaks grammatical laws in its use as an adjective—but seems to represent a violation of several statutes, including the Antideficiency Act, the Hatch Act, the Anti-Lobbying Act, and Section 715 of Public Law 118-47 (prohibiting the use of funds for propaganda purposes).

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<sup>1</sup> Ayesha Ali, *TSA Rolls Out Video Warning Travelers of Long Wait Times, Blaming ‘Democrat Shutdown,’* ABC NEWS (March 13, 2026), [https://abcnews.com/US/tsa-rolls-video-warning-travelers-long-wait-times/story?id=131026713&cid=social\\_twitter\\_abcn](https://abcnews.com/US/tsa-rolls-video-warning-travelers-long-wait-times/story?id=131026713&cid=social_twitter_abcn).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

We ask that you expand your ongoing legal review to include this latest attempt at propaganda.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Josh Brecheen, Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations  
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The Honorable Carlos Gimenez, Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation and  
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