



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

October 21, 2026

Mr. William Walters III
President
Daedalus Aviation
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Dear Mr. Walters:

The Committee on Homeland Security is investigating the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) aircraft purchases and related contracts. Reporting from multiple outlets—including The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, and Mother Jones—has raised serious questions about procurement irregularities, pricing, and Daedalus Aviation's role in these transactions.¹

Accordingly, please produce the following documents and records by November 4, 2026:

- (1) All records of communications with DHS officials, including emails, text messages, phone logs, meeting notes, calendar entries, and any correspondence from September 1, 2025, to the present.
- (2) All records reflecting costs, pricing, invoices, refurbishment expenses, and any financial documentation for aircraft sold, leased, or serviced for DHS.

¹ See Hamed Aleaziz, David Farenthold, Nicholas Nehamas, Tyler Pager, and Niraj Chokshi, "Kristi Noem's Agency Gave Her Donor a Lucrative Contract Just Before She Left," The New York Times (Oct. 4, 2026). <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/10/04/us/politics/kristi-noem-planes-donor.html>; Rene Marsh and Audrey Ash, "DHS says its new deportation planes are almost ready for takeoff. Critics doubt the plan will work," CNN (May 16, 2026). <https://www.cnn.com/2026/05/16/politics/deportation-planes-dhs-fleet-airline>; Marianne Levine and Jacob Bogage, "DHS inks contract to create its own fleet of 737 jets for deportations," The Washington Post (Dec. 10, 2025). https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/12/10/dhs-deport-boeing-contract/?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=wp_news_alert_revere&location=alert; Nick Schwellenbach and Dan Friedman, "How Taxpayers Are Still Getting Screwed on Kristi Noem's Big Beautiful Jet," Mother Jones (Mar. 10, 2026). <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2026/03/kristi-noem-dhs-plan-737-salus-valkyrie/>.

- (3) All documents showing how prices were determined, including internal analyses, appraisals, market comparisons, or communications regarding price setting and justification.
- (4) A list identifying all consultants, lobbyists, or advisors who assisted Daedalus Aviation in securing DHS contracts, including their roles and compensation.
- (5) A complete timeline of all interactions with DHS officials, including dates, participants, and subject matter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bennie" being more prominent.

Bennie G. Thompson
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security

cc: The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino, Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security