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Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. David J. Venturella
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Dear Mr. Venturella:

We write in strong opposition to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)’s recent contract award to Compliant Technologies to equip ICE officers and agents with gloves that deliver an electric shock.

On August 10, 2026, ICE made public its intent to spend up to \$20 million on the CTG-5 G.L.O.V.E. (Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter) developed by Compliant Technologies.¹ On August 20, 2026, Committee Democrats wrote to Secretary Mullin demanding that he intervene to prevent ICE from moving forward with the procurement given the G.L.O.V.E. is not “risk free” and “[m]ay result in injury or death.”² The letter further raised ICE’s demonstrated pattern of misusing less-lethal weapons, like the G.L.O.V.E., including rubber bullets and chemical sprays, in manners that put the public at greater risk of serious injury or death.³

Subsequently, on August 26, 2026, ICE awarded Compliant Technologies a sole source contract worth \$16.7 million for “conductive energy and de-escalation devices.”⁴ According to ICE’s Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition (J&A), the agency is procuring 6,000 gloves to support de-escalation and reduce reliance on higher levels of force.⁵ While those are admirable objectives, ICE’s J&A also justifies the purchase based on the need to ensure officer safety and notes unprecedented levels of threats and violence against ICE officers—claims it has yet to support with reliable data.⁶ Moreover, ICE

¹ Dep’t of Homeland Sec., Acquisition Planning Forecast System Record No. F2026074524 (Aug. 10, 2026), <https://apfs-cloud.dhs.gov/record/74524/public-print/>.

² Letter from Ranking Member Bennie Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, et al. to Secretary Markwayne Mullin, Dept. of Homeland Security (Aug. 20, 2026).

³ *Id.*

⁴ Dep’t of Homeland Sec., Contract No. 70CMSW26C00000012, Conductive Energy and De-Escalation Devices (Aug. 26, 2026), *available at* <https://www.sam.gov>.

⁵ Dep’t of Homeland Sec., *Justification and Review for Other Than Full and Open Competition: Conductive Energy and De-Escalation Devices* J&A No. 26-0252 (date redacted).

⁶ *Id.*

fails to recognize the role it played in instigating or escalating situations resulting in 23 people being shot and 6 people being killed, including 3 U.S. citizens.⁷

In the J&A, ICE identifies three situations in which the G.L.O.V.E. would be utilized. The first is to “maintain control over *inmates* and prevent aggression or escape attempts.”⁸ Incorrectly labeling migrants who largely have no criminal record as inmates and associating them with aggression shows that ICE does not intend to use the G.L.O.V.E. for de-escalation, but rather as nothing more than another weapon is ICE’s arsenal. Furthermore, it is alarming that ICE also intends to use the G.L.O.V.E. for crowd control by “[a]ssisting crowd control units in moving groups or denying access to areas.” Among the general population, ICE would have no way of knowing if it is using the device on the elderly, pregnant women, and severely handicapped—those who the G.L.O.V.E. user manual recommends not using the device on.⁹

We have many questions about ICE’s nearly \$17 million contract for a device that is likely to be incorrectly used or abused by officers and agents resulting in more violence, injury or deaths. Please provide the following no later than September 14, 2026:

1. All communications and documentation regarding the justification for the sole source contract to Compliant Technologies, including the signed justification and approval for using other than full and open competition.
2. All drafts and final copies of the contract awarded by ICE to Compliant Technologies to include any contract modifications.
3. All communications between ICE and Compliant Technologies, their representatives, and any affiliated entities.
4. All communications and documentation on which officers and agents will be issued a G.L.O.V.E. and when they will be distributed and approved for use.
5. All policies on the use of the G.L.O.V.E., such as standard operating procedures, directives, and handbooks.
6. All training materials and requirements for using the G.L.O.V.E., such as training policies, lesson plans, certification or qualification requirements, and presentation slides.
7. All reporting requirements for when the G.L.O.V.E. is used, including the type of information that must be reported, as well as reporting forms and procedures.

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⁷ Allison McCann, *At Least 23 People Have Been Shot at by Federal Immigration Agents Since Last Year*, N.Y. Times (July 8, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/08/us/immigration-agent-shootings-vehicles.html>.

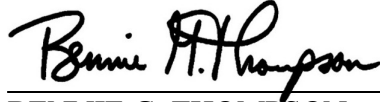
⁸ *Supra* note 5.

⁹ Compliant Techs., *GEN 4 & GEN 5 G.L.O.V.E. Product User Guide* (2024), <https://www.complianttechnologies.net/the-glove>.

Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security.”

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Ranking Member

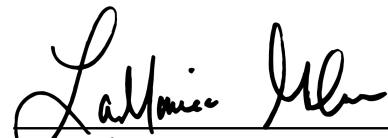

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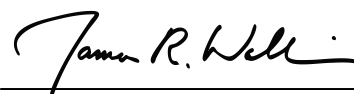

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