

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Noem:

We write to request an immediate investigation into reports that a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Assistant Chief Counsel James “Jim” Joseph Rodden, is “GlomarResponder”—a social media persona who openly expresses racist and xenophobic views.¹

Since 2012, GlomarResponder has posted blatantly racist and anti-immigrant content that has disparaged Black Americans and Asians, referred to all migrants as criminals, and even endorsed violence stating, “Nobody is proposing feeding migrants into tree shredders Yet. Give it a few more weeks at this level of invasion, and that will be the moderate position.”²

Researchers with more than twenty years of combined experience as open-source intelligence analysts have reviewed publicly available posts, court documents, and school records and determined that Mr. Rodden runs the account. Mr. Rodden has declined to answer media inquiries on the matter.

As you may be aware, the ICE Code of Conduct prohibits personnel from engaging in behavior *on or off duty* that may “cause the public or ICE to question the reliability, judgement, or trustworthiness of its employees” or that would “discredit the employee, embarrass or bring ICE into disrepute” or “interfere with or adversely affect ICE’s mission.”³ Anyone making racist statements and suggesting violence against immigrants is unfit to represent the United States government in immigration proceedings.

Moreover, given recent leaks⁴ related to ICE immigration enforcement operations⁵, GlomarResponder’s advance public confirmation of a list of cities where ICE was expected to carry out deportation operations should raise concerns. As you are likely aware, ICE’s Code of

¹ Steven Monachelli, *ICE Prosecutor in Dallas Runs White Supremacist X Account*, TEXAS OBSERVER (Feb. 19, 2025), <https://www.texasobserver.org/ice-prosecutor-dallas-white-supremacist-x-account/>.

² GlomarResponder, X, (Mar. 22, 2024), <https://archive.is/Zkq0b>.

³ *ICE Directive 1033.1: Employee Code of Conduct*, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Aug. 7, 2012), <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/policy/directorate-1033.pdf>.

⁴ Devlin Barrett, *F.B.I. Calls D.H.S. Secretary’s Criticism ‘Deeply Irresponsible’*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Feb. 14, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/14/us/politics/fbi-kristi-noem-dhs.html>.

⁵ Ellen M. Gilmer, *Noem Directs Polygraph Use to Target Homeland Security Leaks*, BLOOMBERG GOVERNMENT (Feb. 18, 2025), <https://news.bgov.com/bloomberg-government-news/noem-directs-polygraph-use-to-target-homeland-security-leaks>.

Conduct requires its employees to properly handle sensitive security information, such as details about enforcement operations.

Americans must be able to trust that career Federal law enforcement officials are apolitical and impartial in their work. To that end, we demand that DHS thoroughly investigate these serious allegations and pursue appropriate disciplinary action should there be misconduct.

Sincerely,



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