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Mr. Allen E. Weh
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Dear Mr. Weh:

As you are aware, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducts removal flights of migrants using chartered flights, commercial airlines, and ground transportation.¹ ICE has awarded CSI Aviation several contracts to provide charter services and has spent over \$1 billion on those contracts.² We write to request information on how CSI Aviation fulfills the terms of its contracts with ICE to provide charter services to transport migrants.

According to media reports, removal flights operated by charter carriers under CSI Aviation's contracts have increased in number—and are expected to continue increasing.³ Over the past year, one CSI Aviation subcontractor, GlobalX, operated 74 percent of ICE's removal flights.⁴ One of those flights illegally transported 238 foreign nationals to El Salvador even after a Federal court ordered the flight return to the United States.⁵ Furthermore, CSI Aviation subcontractors' flight attendants have observed dangerous conditions on flights operated under CSI Aviation's contracts with ICE and have reportedly been instructed to abandon migrants in the event of an emergency evacuation⁶—despite ICE requirements that “ICE Air Operations personnel follow best practices when it comes to security, safety, and welfare” of migrants.⁷

¹ *ICE Air Operations*, DEP'T OF HOMELAND SEC., Aug. 8, 2023, <https://www.ice.gov/factsheets/ice-air-operations>.

² Award Profile: Contract Summary for PIID 70CDCR24FR0000024, Department of Homeland Security to CSI Aviation, <https://www.usaspending.gov/search?hash=b7c4bb96ea3bcf3581b5c8d2f54b7409>.

³ Nick Schwellenbach, *Meet the ICE Contractor Running Deportation Flights*, Project on Gov't Oversight, Mar. 20, 2025, <https://www.pogo.org/investigations/meet-the-ice-contractor-running-deportation-flights>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Marshall Cohen, et al., *How Controversial Deportation Flights and Judge's Race to Stop Them Unfolded*, *Minute by Minute*, CNN, Mar. 17, 2025, <https://www.cnn.com/2025/03/17/politics/deportation-flights-judge-timeline>.

⁶ McKenzie Funk, *Inside ICE Air: Flight Attendants on Deportation Planes Say Disaster Is “Only a Matter of Time”*, *ProPublica*, Apr. 1, 2025, <https://www.propublica.org/article/inside-ice-air-deportation-flights>.

⁷ *ICE Air Operations Prioritizes Safety and Security for Its Passengers*, DEP'T OF HOMELAND SEC., <https://www.ice.gov/features/ICE-Air> (last accessed May 19, 2025).

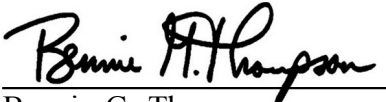
To aid the Committee on Homeland Security in its oversight of the Department of Homeland Security and ICE activities related to removal flights, please respond to the following requests and questions no later than June 11, 2025.

1. All communications and documentation regarding the selection, evaluation, and award of contracts to CSI Aviation by ICE, including but not limited to:
 - a. All proposals and bids submitted to ICE in response to requests and solicitations for charter services;
 - b. All drafts and final copies of contracts awarded to CSI Aviation for charter services; and
 - c. All contract documents, including contract modifications, referencing the Alien Enemies Act.
2. All communications and documentation detailing the monetary amounts that ICE has provided to CSI Aviation, including obligations and expenditures to date and planned obligations and expenditures, for charter services.
3. All copies of agreements between CSI Aviation and its subcontractors, including GlobalX.
4. Information and documentation that explains how CSI Aviation monitors the performance of its subcontractors, including for onboard health, safety, and passenger evacuation.
5. Documentation showing how many flights per month have occurred under CSI Aviation's contracts with ICE since the start of Fiscal Year 2025 (i.e., October 1, 2024). Please provide the number of flights broken down by subcontractor, destination, and monetary amounts provided to the subcontractor to conduct those flights.
6. All communications and documentation regarding flights to El Salvador since January 20, 2025, including but not limited to:
 - a. All communications between ICE, DHS, or DOJ representatives and CSI Aviation regarding a judge's order on March 15, 2025, directing any flights removing persons under the Alien Enemies Act to return to the U.S. prior to those flights landing;
 - b. All communications between CSI Aviation and GlobalX regarding the judge's March 15, 2025, order; and
 - c. All communications regarding GlobalX Flights 6143, 6145, and 6122.

7. All communications between ICE, DHS, or any other government entity and CSI Aviation regarding the removal of people under the Alien Enemies Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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