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

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin:

We write in strong opposition to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)'s plans to equip its officers and agents with gloves that deliver an electric shock and to demand that ICE not move forward with this procurement.

On August 10, 2026, ICE made public its intent to spend up to \$20 million on the CT-G5 G.L.O.V.E. (Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter).¹ Compliant Technologies, which produces the G.L.O.V.E., describes it as a "Conductive Distraction and De-escalation Device when used within the Force Continuum to supplement existing tools for law enforcement, corrections, security, EMS and the military."²

However, the G.L.O.V.E.'s user manual states that the use of the device is not "risk free" and "[m]ay result in injury or death."³ The manual also warns that "[n]o more than two (one pair or equivalent) of G.L.O.V.E. devices should be applied at one time to a single subject" and for not more than 15 seconds."⁴ Compliant Technologies recommends not using the device on the elderly, pregnant women, and severely handicapped.⁵ The manual states, "[f]ollow all laws, agency policies, and Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) when deploying the G.L.O.V.E."⁶

Under the Trump administration, ICE has repeatedly violated the law and disregarded its own policies on the use of force, shooting 23 people and killing 6, including 3 U.S. citizens.⁷ Many of these individuals were not the target of immigration enforcement operations and, in some cases, they were simply exercising

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 *The G.L.O.V.E. — CD3 Compliance Tool*, Compliant Techs., <https://www.complianttechnologies.net/the-glove> (last visited Aug. 18, 2026).

³ Compliant Techs., *GEN 4 & GEN 5 G.L.O.V.E. Product User Guide* (2024), <https://www.complianttechnologies.net/the-glove>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

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>.

their First Amendment rights.⁸ As we have raised in previous letters, DHS personnel have also permanently injured and nearly killed innocent people with so-called “less-lethal” weapons, not unlike the G.L.O.V.E.⁹ Indeed, ICE has demonstrated a pattern of misusing tools and devices, including rubber bullets and chemical sprays, in manners that put the public at greater risk of serious injury or death.¹⁰

Given ICE’s horrific record of violence against the public, the agency must not be allowed to equip its officers and agents with a device that demands both significant training for and restraint by its users. Under Trump, ICE has hired unqualified officers and agents and rushed them through training programs with reduced use of force instruction.¹¹ Many of these officers and agents should not have been hired at all, much less let loose on American streets with a badge, a gun, and electric shock gloves.

Again, we strongly oppose ICE’s plan to award a \$20 million contract for a device that can be incorrectly used or abused by officers and agents resulting in injury or death. We urge you to intervene to halt this procurement before more innocent lives are lost.

Per Rule X of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy and has special oversight functions of “all 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,



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⁸ Amna Nawaz et al., *Deadly Shootings by ICE Officers Renew Scrutiny of Recruitment and Training*, PBS News (July 20, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/deadly-shootings-by-ice-officers-renew-scrutiny-of-recruitment-and-training>.

⁹ Letter from Ranking Member Bennie Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, et al. to Secretary Kristi Noem, Dept. of Homeland Security (Feb. 6, 2026); Letter from Ranking Member Bennie Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, et al. to Secretary Markwayne Mullin, Dept. of Homeland Security (May 22, 2026).

¹⁰ Nicole Acevedo, *ICE says electric shock gloves will curb use of deadly force. Its record casts doubt, critics say*, NBC News (Aug. 19, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ice-says-electric-shock-gloves-will-curb-use-deadly-force-record-casts-rcna593122>.

¹¹ Geoff Bennett & Jonah Anderson, *Whistleblower Warns ICE Has Slashed Training for Recruits*, PBS News (Feb. 26, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/whistleblower-warns-ice-has-slashed-training-for-recruits>.

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