



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

September 22, 2025

The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Garbarino:

We call on you to require Trump administration “Border Czar” Tom Homan to appear before the Committee to answer allegations that he accepted cash bribes in exchange for promises to deliver government contracts.

According to media reports, on September 20, 2024, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recorded Tom Homan, now President Donald Trump’s so-called “Border Czar”, accepting \$50,000 in cash after indicating he could help undercover agents posing as business executives win government contracts related to border enforcement.¹ The Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI initially planned to wait to see whether Homan would deliver on his alleged promise once he became Border Czar, and were considering potential charges of conspiracy, bribery, and two kinds of fraud against Homan.² However, the investigation reportedly stalled soon after Donald Trump became President in January 2025, and Trump political appointees officially closed the case in recent weeks.³

Homan has been at the forefront of the Trump administration’s extreme immigration enforcement tactics, positioning him to help former business partners and clients capitalize on the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) border security and immigration enforcement spending. In fact, Homan’s consulting firm, Homeland Strategic Consulting LLC, previously advertised its ability to help businesses cash in on government contracts, stating, “We have a proven track record of

¹ Carol Leonnig & Ken Dilanian, *Tom Homan Was Under Investigation for Accepting Cash After Indicating He Could Help Contractors*, MSNBC (Sept. 20, 2025), <https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/news/tom-homan-cash-contracts-trump-doj-investigation-rcna232568>.

² *Id.*

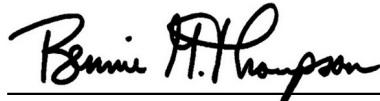
³ *Id.*

opening doors and bringing successful relationships to our clients, resulting in tens of millions of dollars of federal contracts to private companies.”⁴

Portions of Homan’s client list remain shielded from scrutiny by Congress and the public.⁵ Nevertheless, it is well known that some of Homan’s former business partners have been turning enormous profits under the Trump administration.⁶ Scrutinizing Homan’s role in DHS contracting is critical as the administration rushes to obligate \$170 billion in border security and immigration enforcement funding provided under the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” As the Committee responsible for ensuring that DHS’s mission is faithfully executed, we have an obligation to take testimony, on the record, regarding the role that Homan has played in the Department’s contracting decisions since entering government in January 2025.

No one is above the law. The American people deserve to know why President Trump’s so-called Border Czar allegedly used his position and influence to take bribes in his own self-interest. Congress must investigate Tom Homan’s actions and his influence on government spending. We urgently request that you call him to testify before the Committee on this matter without delay.

Sincerely,



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⁴ Naomi LaChance, *Tom Homan’s Firm Brags About Helping Companies Get Federal Contracts*, ROLLING STONE (Dec. 30, 2024), <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/trump-border-tom-homan-firm-federal-contracts-1235219657/>.

⁵ Off. of Gov’t Ethics, Exec. Branch Pers. Pub. Fin. Disclosure Rep. (OGE Form 278e): Thomas D. Homan (Feb. 10, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Homan-Thomas.pdf>.

⁶ Laura Romero, *Top Private Prison Companies See Profits Amid Administration’s Immigration Crackdown*, ABC NEWS (Aug. 12, 2025, 6:12 PM), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/top-private-prison-companies-profits-amid-administrations-immigration/story?id=124591009>.



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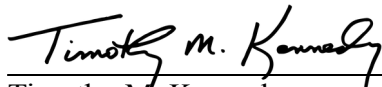
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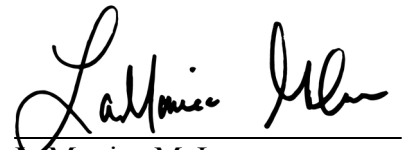
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