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Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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:

As Members of the Committee on Homeland Security with jurisdiction over the Department of Homeland Security (DHS),<sup>1</sup> we are investigating the deaths of two United States citizens who were shot and killed by DHS law enforcement this month in Minnesota and the Trump administration's response to these killings.

On January 7, 2026, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota, shot and killed Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old mother and U.S. citizen during what DHS says was an immigration enforcement operation.<sup>2</sup> Fewer than three weeks later, a Border Patrol agent and a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer in Minneapolis fired their weapons at Alex Pretti, a 37-year-old U.S. citizen and ICU nurse for a local VA hospital, who died from gunshot wounds.<sup>3</sup> Bystanders captured both shootings on video, yet DHS and the White House repeatedly issued false or misleading statements about the incidents<sup>4</sup> and labeled the shooting victims "domestic terrorist[s]."<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 3(g) of Rule X of the U.S. House of Representatives (119th Cong., 2025).

<sup>2</sup> Tim Stelloh, Minyvonne Burke, and Selina Guevara, *Woman Fatally Shot By ICE Officer Remembered As 'One of the Kindest People'*, NBC NEWS, (Jan. 07, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/renee-nicole-good-minneapolis-ice-shooting-victim-caring-neighbor-rcna252901>.

<sup>3</sup> Joshua Barajas, *A Second U.S. Citizen Was Killed By Federal Forces in Minneapolis. Here's What We Know.*, PBS (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/a-second-u-s-citizen-was-killed-by-federal-forces-in-minneapolis-heres-what-we-know>.

<sup>4</sup> See Adam Serwer, *First the Shooting. Then the Lies.*, THE ATLANTIC (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/2026/01/ice-defense-minnesota-killing/685549/>; Allison Detzel, *'Flat-Out Lie': Former FBI Agent Says Videos Contradict DHS' Narrative of Pretti Shooting*, MS NOW (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://www.ms.now/news/alex-pretti-shooting-evidence-minneapolis-indictment-video-trump>.

<sup>5</sup> Tyler Pager & Hamed Aleaziz, *How the Trump Administration Rushed to Judgment in the Minneapolis Shooting*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/25/us/politics/trump-administration-minneapolis-shooting-response.html>.

As part of our investigation, this Committee previously requested information related to the shooting of Ms. Good, including the following: body-worn camera footage or other video from the scene, any evidence underlying the conclusion that Ms. Good was a “domestic terrorist,” information on the injuries sustained by the ICE officer who shot Ms. Good, and additional information on the shooting.<sup>6</sup> DHS ignored Congress yet confirmed a leaked cell-phone video filmed by the officer who shot Ms. Good.<sup>7</sup>

The Committee expanded its investigation shortly after a Border Patrol agent and CBP officer discharged their weapons and killed Mr. Pretti, and we requested information to aid in our oversight, including the following: any video of the incident, the employment status of the shooter<sup>8</sup> and complaints against or use of force incidents by him in the past, and additional information relating to the deployment of CBP and use of force that day.<sup>9</sup> Rather than respond to our inquiries, DHS responded with answers to questions apparently crafted by the Department itself—not the Committee’s inquiries.<sup>10</sup>

#### Preliminary Demand for Records

We demand that you immediately turn over to the Committee the following information, which we previously requested and which is necessary for the first phase of our investigation:

##### Renee Good

1. All video footage, including any body-worn camera footage and video footage filmed on a mobile phone by the ICE officer who shot Renee Good, from the scene where an ICE officer shot Renee Good.
2. If there is no body-worn camera footage, an explanation of why such footage was not recorded.
3. Evidence, if any, relied upon by DHS for the conclusion that Renee Good was a “domestic terrorist.”
4. Information on the current employment status and years of service of the ICE officer who shot Renee Good.
5. Information on whether the ICE officer who shot Renee Good has been the subject of complaints or significant use of force incidents in the past.
6. Evidence of injuries, if any, to the ICE officer who shot Renee Good.
7. Reasons for ICE’s deployment to the specific scene where Renee Good was shot.
8. Information verifying or debunking reports that a medical professional on the scene when Renee Good was shot offered to assist in her care and was denied by DHS law enforcement.

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<sup>6</sup> E-mail from [Committee Staff] to Sean M. Hackbarth, (Acting) Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement Office of Congressional Relations (Jan. 7, 2026, at 3:36 p.m.) (on file with Committee).

<sup>7</sup> Holmes Lybrand, et al., *ICE Agent’s Cell Phone Captures Fatal Confrontation in Minneapolis*, CNN (Jan. 9, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/09/us/ice-agent-cellphone-video-minneapolis>.

<sup>8</sup> At the time of the request, the Committee was only aware of public reporting about Border Patrol firing weapons.

<sup>9</sup> E-mail from [Committee Staff] to Samantha A. Klisarska, (Acting) Director, U.S. Customs & Border Protection Office of Congressional Affairs, Border, Air, and Marine Operations Directorate (Jan. 24, 2026, at 4:59 p.m.) (on file with Committee).

<sup>10</sup> E-mail from Sabrina Scott, Director, U.S. Customs & Border Protection Office of Congressional Relations, Enterprise Services & Operations Support Directorate to [Committee Staff] (Jan. 27, 2026, at 11:29 a.m.) (on file with Committee).

Alex Pretti

9. All video footage, including any body-worn camera footage, from the scene where a Border Patrol agent and CBP officer fired weapons at Alex Pretti, ultimately killing him.
10. If there is no body-worn camera footage, an explanation of why such footage was not recorded.
11. Evidence, if any, relied upon by DHS for the conclusion that Alex Pretti was a “domestic terrorist.”
12. Information on the current employment status and years of service of the Border Patrol agent and CBP officer who fired weapons at Alex Pretti, ultimately killing him.
13. Information on whether either the Border Patrol agent or CBP officer who shot Alex Pretti has been the subject of complaints or significant use of force incidents in the past.
14. Reasons for CBP’s deployment to the specific scene where Alex Pretti was shot.
15. Reasoning for the investigation into Alex Pretti’s death being handled by ICE’s Homeland Security Investigations.

*Document Preservation Mandate*

In addition to our demand for immediate records production, this letter serves as notice of an ongoing congressional investigation and that you are to preserve, in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, all records relating to the use of deadly force by DHS law enforcement against any U.S. citizen, including the killings of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, as well as any future incidents in which force is used against a U.S. citizen.

As you are aware, the Federal Records Act (FRA) requires that all departments and agencies in the Executive Branch collect, retain, and preserve records that document “the transaction of public business” or contain “informational value.”<sup>11</sup> The Committee writes to remind you and the entire Department of your obligations under the FRA.

Under 44 U.S.C. § 3101, the head of each Federal agency is required to “make and preserve records containing adequate and proper documentation of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and essential transactions of the agency.” Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 3301(a) (2), these protections extend to all types of information, whether stored physically, digitally, or electronically. As such, this requirement encompasses such items as tweets and all other forms of social media posts as well as press releases, among other records.

Federal officials and employees who violate the FRA are subject to criminal penalties. Under 18 U.S.C. § 2071(b), any agency employee who “willfully and unlawfully” conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, destroys, or attempts any such action against a Federal record, is subject to fine and/or imprisonment for up to three years. In addition, any Federal office holder convicted of violating the FRA can lose his or her position and can be disqualified from holding future Federal office. Moreover, under 44 U.S.C. § 3106(b), you have a responsibility to notify the Archivist of any actual, impending, or threatened unlawful action against records at your agency.

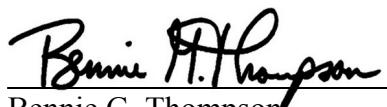
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<sup>11</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 3301(a)(1)(A).

The Committee intends to closely observe the compliance of the Department—and all its component agencies—with these requirements. As part of the Committee's oversight, the Committee expects to receive, by February 4, 2026, assurances, in writing, that DHS records, documents, data, and information have not been and will not be destroyed, modified, removed, transferred, or otherwise rendered inaccessible.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to your compliance.

Sincerely,

  
Bennie G. Thompson  
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Eric Swalwell  
Member of Congress

  
J. Luis Correa  
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