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Dear Dr. Zoley:

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Democrats are investigating concerns of corruption, self-dealing, and mismanagement regarding contracting at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the leadership of then-Secretary Kristi Noem and her special advisor and shadow chief-of-staff Corey Lewandowski.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Lewandowski may have used his position in the Trump Administration and close relationships to President Trump and Secretary Noem to enrich himself while serving as a special government employee (SGE).<sup>2</sup> If true, these allegations of Mr. Lewandowski shaking down contractors for kickbacks represent a clear violation of the law and a serious breach of public trust by DHS. We ask for your cooperation in our investigation.

On March 19, 2026, NBC News reported that during the presidential transition, Mr. Lewandowski said to you “that he wanted to be paid in exchange for protecting and growing GEO Group’s DHS contracts.” During a second meeting sometime in late February or early March 2025—following Mr. Lewandowski’s appointment as an SGE—you purportedly offered to “put Lewandowski on retainer” with GEO Group. Mr. Lewandowski refused, instead demanding a kickback based on the value of GEO Group’s new or renewed contacts with DHS, which one source referred to as “a success fee.” When Mr. Lewandowski did not receive his

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Rick Larsen, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, to the Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security (Mar. 18, 2026) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/joint\\_letter\\_to\\_dhs\\_os\\_re\\_noem\\_lewandowski.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/joint_letter_to_dhs_os_re_noem_lewandowski.pdf)); see Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Ranking Member Rick Larsen, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, to Inspector General Joseph V. Cuffari, Department of Homeland Security (Mar. 18, 2026) (online at [https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/joint\\_letter\\_to\\_dhs\\_oig\\_re\\_noem\\_lewandowski.pdf](https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/joint_letter_to_dhs_oig_re_noem_lewandowski.pdf)).

<sup>2</sup> *Some DHS Contractors Told White House Officials They Were Asked to Pay Corey Lewandowski*, NBC News (Mar. 19, 2026) (online at [www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744)).

desired arrangement, Mr. Lewandowski allegedly told a senior DHS official not to award GEO Group with any more contracts in an apparent act of retaliation. It was not until December 2025 that a GEO Group subsidiary received a new contract for \$121 million.<sup>3</sup> The GEO Group reportedly complained to the White House about this alleged shakedown by Lewandowski.<sup>4</sup>

If this reporting—“based on seven months of reporting, including interviews with nearly two dozen people who expressed concern about Lewandowski’s role in the contracting process”—is accurate, Mr. Lewandowski’s pay-for-play corruption exemplifies the worst excesses of the Trump Administration and then-Secretary Noem’s mismanagement of DHS. As part of the ongoing investigation into corruption at DHS, we request the following documents no later than April 6, 2026:

1. All internal records and communications concerning GEO Group’s and GEO Group subsidiaries’ interactions with Corey Lewandowski, DHS, the White House, and any other official of the Trump Administration, Trump Organization, or Trump 2024 presidential campaign regarding efforts to secure contracts or provide services to the Department of Homeland Security; and
2. All communications concerning contracting between yourself or any other representatives of the GEO Group and Corey Lewandowski and all persons purportedly affiliated with Corey Lewandowski or DHS.

We request written responses to the following no later than April 6, 2026:

1. Did GEO Group, any GEO Group subsidiary, or any representative of GEO Group or its subsidiaries receive a request for anything of value from Corey Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment?
2. Did GEO Group, any GEO Group subsidiary, or any representative of GEO Group or its subsidiaries offer anything of value to Corey Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment?
3. Did GEO Group, any GEO Group subsidiary, or any representative of GEO Group or its subsidiaries deliver anything of value to Corey Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment, whether directly or indirectly?

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.*; *The GEO Group Awarded Contract by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for Provision of Skip Tracing Services*, Yahoo Finance (Dec. 22, 2025) (online at <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/geo-group-awarded-contract-u-115500499.html>); Contract Award ID no. 70CDCR26D00000005.

<sup>4</sup> *Some DHS Contractors Told White House Officials They Were Asked to Pay Corey Lewandowski*, NBC News (Mar. 19, 2026) (online at [www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744)).

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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman