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Dear Dr. Walters:

We are investigating potential corruption, self-dealing, and mismanagement at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the leadership of then-Secretary Kristi Noem and Corey Lewandowski, her special advisor and shadow chief-of-staff.<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) by shaking down contractors for kickbacks.<sup>2</sup> Recent reporting connects one of your companies, Salus Worldwide Solutions (Salus), to Mr. Lewandowski's alleged pay-to-play scheme, allegedly directing subcontractors to funnel taxpayer dollars to consultants affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski. Additionally, Salus and several related companies were awarded substantial contracts under questionable circumstances during Mr. Lewandowski's tenure.<sup>3</sup> We ask for your cooperation in our investigation.

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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)); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Dr. George Zoley, The GEO Group Inc. (Mar. 23, 2026) (online at <https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-03-23garciatogeogroupprelewandowski.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)).

<sup>3</sup> See Project on Government Oversight, *Unraveling the Corporate Ties to DHS's "Big, Beautiful Jet"*, (Mar. 10, 2026) (online at [www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet](http://www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet)).

Salus is a new company with no proven track record of delivering on large-scale federal contracts, and appears to have significant personal connections to the Administration.<sup>4</sup> In 2025, the Trump Administration awarded Salus a three-year indefinite delivery contract worth nearly \$1 billion amid allegations that DHS ignored regulatory protections and fair competition requirements.<sup>5</sup> This was the first federal contract for Salus, which has only existed since June 2023. According to the *Washington Post*, an internal investigation by DHS lawyers found that more than 40 emails had been exchanged between Salus and DHS personnel before Salus submitted its bid, including nonpublic details related to the contract's budget and program specifications which stood to unfairly advantage Salus over other competitors. Following this investigation, DHS officials awarded this contract by changing the rules from a sole-source contract to a rushed and abbreviated competition with a preselected pool of applicants—including Salus—raising serious concerns about the legitimacy of the process and whether DHS put its thumb on the scale so Salus would win regardless.<sup>6</sup>

On March 19, 2026, *NBC News* reported on a series of interactions between Salus and an unnamed marketing firm regarding business with DHS.<sup>7</sup> Salus reportedly contacted the firm to gauge interest in pursuing a \$20 million contract for a DHS component agency and discussed details of the contract in a September 2025 conference call with the firm. Salus then told the firm, “[w]e are guaranteed this contract, but we need to make sure we are properly thanking the person who gave it to us,” and that it would need to hire one of several consulting firms tied to Mr. Lewandowski “to make sure we are properly thanking the person who gave [the contract] to us.” When the marketing firm later refused to hire one of the Lewandowski-associated consultants, Salus reportedly responded by calling off the deal. The marketing firm’s owner reportedly believed these asks to be unethical and possibly illegal.<sup>8</sup>

In a second incident, Salus reportedly reached out to the same firm about a DHS outreach campaign contract between \$40 million and \$50 million. This time, Salus reportedly clarified that the firm would get only \$20 million and that Salus would direct the rest to a consulting

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<sup>4</sup> *How a New Firm with DHS Ties Won a \$915 Million Contract to Help Immigrants “Self-Deport”*, Mother Jones (Oct. 10, 2025) (online at [www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/10/dhs-ice-self-deportation-contract-salus-worldwide-solutions-csi-aviation/](http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/10/dhs-ice-self-deportation-contract-salus-worldwide-solutions-csi-aviation/)).

<sup>5</sup> *DHS Rushed \$915 Million Deportation Contract, Lawsuit Says*, Bloomberg Law (Aug. 14, 2025) (online at <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/federal-contracting/dhs-rushed-salus-915-million-deportation-contract-suit-says>); *How a New Firm with DHS Ties Won a \$915 Million Contract to Help Immigrants “Self-Deport”*, Mother Jones (Oct. 10, 2025) (online at [www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/10/dhs-ice-self-deportation-contract-salus-worldwide-solutions-csi-aviation/](http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/10/dhs-ice-self-deportation-contract-salus-worldwide-solutions-csi-aviation/)); Project on Government Oversight, *Massive DHS “Self-Deportation” Contract Challenged as Secretive and “Unlawful”* (Oct. 10, 2025) (online at [www.pogo.org/investigates/massive-dhs-self-deportation-contract-challenged-as-secretive-and-unlawful](http://www.pogo.org/investigates/massive-dhs-self-deportation-contract-challenged-as-secretive-and-unlawful)).

<sup>6</sup> See *DHS Inks Contract to Create its Own Fleet of 737 Jets for Deportations*, Washington Post (Dec. 10, 2025) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/12/10/dhs-deport-boeing-contract](http://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/2025/12/10/dhs-deport-boeing-contract)); *DHS Fast-Tracked \$1 Billion Contract to Pro-Trump Donor’s Company*, Washington Post (Dec. 17, 2025) (online at [www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/12/17/dhs-contract-trump-donor](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/12/17/dhs-contract-trump-donor)).

<sup>7</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)).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

company tied to Mr. Lewandowski.<sup>9</sup> If these claims—“based on seven months of reporting, including interviews with nearly two dozen people who expressed concern about Lewandowski’s role in the contracting process”<sup>10</sup>—are accurate, Mr. Lewandowski’s pay-to-play corruption exemplifies the worst excesses of the Trump Administration and then-Secretary Noem’s gross mismanagement of DHS.

This scandal adds to a pattern of questionable dealings between the Trump Administration and your companies, raising concerns that the President and his inner circle may be using taxpayer dollars and public trust to benefit wealthy donors. Former Secretary Noem and Mr. Lewandowski also awarded lucrative DHS contracts under opaque contracting conditions to other companies for which you are listed as an executive officer, or which share the same addresses as companies founded by you and your associates, including:

- Daedalus Aviation Corporation, which lists you as the chief executive officer, received a DHS contract valued at \$140 million for six Boeing 737 airplanes;
- Soterex Financial Services LLC, which lists you as the owner of the corporation, appears to be handling payments to people who agree to voluntarily deport themselves as a subcontractor;
- Valkyrie Aviation Holdings Group, which lists as its address the same suite as Soterex Financial Services LLC, leased a luxury Boeing 737 airplane, seemingly for the sole use of Secretary Noem and Mr. Lewandowski; and
- Transnational Aviation Holdings, which has the same business address and suite number as Daedalus Aviation Corporation, owns business-class jets operated by DHS.<sup>11</sup>

As part of our ongoing investigation into corruption at DHS during Mr. Lewandowski’s tenure, we request information regarding Salus Worldwide Solutions, related entities, and other companies and organizations linked to you and your associates.<sup>12</sup> We request the following documents no later than April 16, 2026:

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<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> Project on Government Oversight, *Unraveling the Corporate Ties to DHS’s “Big, Beautiful Jet”*, (Mar. 10, 2026) (online at [www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet](http://www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet)).

<sup>12</sup> See Project on Government Oversight, *Unraveling the Corporate Ties to DHS’s “Big, Beautiful Jet”*, (Mar. 10, 2026) (online at [www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet](http://www.pogo.org/investigates/unraveling-the-corporate-ties-to-dhss-big-beautiful-jet)) which mentions a network of at least two dozen companies and organizations linked to Dr. Walters and his associates, including Atlas Management Services Holdings Corp.; Atlas Management Services, LLC; BDR Central, LLC; BDR Southeast, LLC; BDR Southwest, LLC; BDR Strategic Services Holdings, LLC; BDR Strategic Services, LLC; BML Logistics, LLC; Daedalus Aviation Corporation; Daedalus Aviation Holdings Corp; Kalyx Financial Services; Nirbhau Holdings Corp.; Nirbhau Management Corporation; Salus Development Fund; Soterex Financial Services, LLC; Soteria Aviation Services Corp.; Soteria Aviation Services Holdings Corp.; Soteria Healthcare Holdings Corp.; Soteria Healthcare Solutions Corp.; Soteria Risk Management, LLC; Soteria Solutions Corp.; Soteria Solutions Holdings Corp.; Soteria Solutions Nevada Corp.; Soteria Solutions, LLC; Soteria Transportation Logistics

1. All internal records and communications concerning Salus Worldwide Solutions's and any related entities' interactions with Mr. Lewandowski, DHS, the White House, and any other representative of the Trump Administration, Trump Organization, or Trump campaign regarding efforts to secure contracts or provide services to DHS;
2. A list of all consulting firms, law firms, or other entities with whom Salus Worldwide Solutions and related entities have contracted, paid, or otherwise maintained a relationship with since its incorporation in June 2023;
3. A list of all subcontractors engaged, contracted, or otherwise contacted in connection to any Salus Worldwide Solutions contracts with DHS;
4. All communications concerning contracting between you, Salus Chief Financial Officer Taundria Cappel, or any other representatives of Salus Worldwide Solutions and Mr. Lewandowski and all persons purportedly affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski or DHS; and
5. All communications concerning contracting between you, Taundria Cappel, or any other representatives of Salus Worldwide Solutions and potential subcontractors for DHS contracts.

Additionally, we request written responses to the following no later than April 16, 2026:

1. Did Salus Worldwide Solutions, any subsidiary or related entity, or any representative of Salus Worldwide Solutions or its related entities receive a request for anything of value from Mr. Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment?
2. Did Salus Worldwide Solutions, any subsidiary or related entity, or any representative of Salus Worldwide Solutions or its related entities offer anything of value to Mr. Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment?
3. Did Salus Worldwide Solutions, any subsidiary or related entity, or any representative of Salus Worldwide Solutions or its related entities deliver anything of value to Mr. Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski in exchange for favorable treatment, whether directly or indirectly?
4. Did Salus Worldwide Solutions, any subsidiary or related entity, or any representative of Salus Worldwide Solutions or its related entities facilitate or offer to facilitate communications between Mr. Lewandowski or any person affiliated with Mr. Lewandowski and any persons or companies seeking or considering contracting with the Department of Homeland Security?

5. Did Salus Worldwide Solutions, any subsidiary or related entity, or any representative of Salus Worldwide Solutions or its related entities receive any notification from a prospective subcontractor concerning communications from a purported representative of Salus about conditions on contract awards?

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,” as well as legislative jurisdiction of federal procurement, 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 'Robert Garcia', written over a horizontal line.

Robert Garcia  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

Ms. Taundria Cappel  
Ms. Manmeet Thind  
Mr. Joshua Bustos