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Mr. David J. Venturella  
Acting Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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Washington, DC 20536

Dear Acting Director Venturella:

I write to demand answers about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) violent detention of Ricardo Gonzalez, a U.S. citizen, father, and former city employee in Long Beach, California, on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Mr. Gonzalez is a constituent of Congresswoman Nanette Barragán, who has led the call for a comprehensive Inspector General investigation into his treatment.<sup>1</sup> Available videos show an unmarked ICE vehicle veering towards Mr. Gonzalez while he was riding his e-bike, an officer pulling him to the ground, and three officers forcibly restraining him face down on the curb of the road while he cried out in pain.<sup>2</sup> Predictably, the Trump Administration immediately defended the officers responsible for excessive violence and blamed the victim before any investigation has even been conducted.<sup>3</sup> As I investigate ICE's brutal and dangerous actions on American streets, I demand records and information about this horrific incident and call for accountability for the officials involved.

Eyewitness statements and available videos depict a dangerous and violent encounter that not only put Mr. Gonzalez's life at risk, but all Long Beach residents. In one video captured by a security camera, an ICE vehicle—dangerously driving in the wrong direction down a one-way street—veers towards Mr. Gonzalez, who is riding an e-bike.<sup>4</sup> At this time, ICE has provided no information to explain why the officers were driving dangerously down a one-way street; why

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<sup>1</sup> Nanette D. Barragán (@RepBarragan), X (Oct. 22, 2026) (online at <https://x.com/RepBarragan/status/2113385150180372491>).

<sup>2</sup> *Rally Held in Long Beach in Support of Man Detained by ICE*, ABC 7 (Oct. 21, 2026) (online at <https://abc7.com/post/rally-held-long-beach-support-man-detained-ice/19963091/>).

<sup>3</sup> *Video Shows Long Beach Man, a U.S. Citizen, Injured During Apparent ICE Operation*, CBS News (Oct. 20, 2026) (online at <https://cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/video-long-beach-man-ice-operation-us-citizen/>).

<sup>4</sup> *'Help Me!' Videos of ICE Violently Detaining Man Who Says He's U.S. Citizen Spark Outrage*, Los Angeles Times (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://latimes.com/california/story/2026-10-19/help-me-video-of-ice-violently-detaining-man-who-says-hes-u-s-citizen-sparks-outrage>); *Rally Held in Long Beach in Support of Man Detained by ICE*, ABC 7 (Oct. 21, 2026) (online at <https://abc7.com/post/rally-held-long-beach-support-man-detained-ice/19963091/>).

the vehicle suddenly swerved to block Mr. Gonzalez's path and prevent him from continuing; or why the officers immediately grabbed Mr. Gonzalez and dragged him to the ground. One eyewitness reports that the vehicle struck Mr. Gonzalez.<sup>5</sup> Following this, another video shows an ICE officer pulling Mr. Gonzalez to the ground and three officers forcibly restraining him face down while he called out for help and screamed in pain.<sup>6</sup> Video also shows Mr. Gonzalez telling officers that they hit him with their car and that he is a U.S. citizen.<sup>7</sup> One officer can be clearly seen kneeling on Mr. Gonzalez's back and according to eyewitnesses, officers also tased him twice.<sup>8</sup>

After Mr. Gonzalez *himself* called 911 to ask for help, Long Beach police officers took Mr. Gonzalez to the local fire department to remove his handcuffs and then transported him to the hospital for treatment.<sup>9</sup> According to Mr. Gonzalez's daughter, he sustained significant injuries as a direct result of ICE's actions.<sup>10</sup>

In the aftermath of this horrific encounter, ICE immediately blamed Mr. Gonzalez for the incident and claimed that the officers had "followed their training and used the minimum amount of force," without providing any evidence to support its allegations.<sup>11</sup> The Trump Administration's lies cannot hide the fact that if ICE were a law-abiding law enforcement agency, the officers responsible for this dangerous and violent assault—including the officials attempting to cover up their misconduct—would be suspended pending disciplinary action. In addition, ICE has yet again failed to release any body-camera footage or even acknowledge if the

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<sup>5</sup> *US Citizen Injured During California ICE Incident, Officials Say*, KSL (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://ksl.com/article/51637981/us-citizen-injured-during-california-ice-incident-officials-say>).

<sup>6</sup> *Rally Held in Long Beach in Support of Man Detained by ICE*, ABC 7 (Oct. 21, 2026) (online at <https://abc7.com/post/rally-held-long-beach-support-man-detained-ice/19963091/>).

<sup>7</sup> *US Citizen Injured During California ICE Incident, Officials Say*, KSL (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://ksl.com/article/51637981/us-citizen-injured-during-california-ice-incident-officials-say>); *U.S. Citizen Injured in Long Beach ICE Encounter as Mayor Demands Federal Investigation*, Davis Vanguard (Oct. 20, 2026) (online at <https://davisvanguard.org/2026/10/ice-agents-injure-us-citizen/>).

<sup>8</sup> *Neighbors Rush to Defend Man After ICE Agents Break His Arm, Witnesses Say. ICE Says They Used 'Minimum Amount of Force'*, Long Beach Post (Oct. 18, 2026) (online at <https://lbpost.com/news/immigration/ice-agents-break-arm-us-citizen-neighbors-defend>); *ICE Agents Broke US Citizen's Arm as They Detained Him in California, Officials Say*, The Guardian (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://theguardian.com/us-news/2026/oct/19/ice-broke-us-citizen-arm-california>).

<sup>9</sup> *US Citizen Injured During California ICE Incident, Officials Say*, KSL (Oct. 19, 2026) (online at <https://ksl.com/article/51637981/us-citizen-injured-during-california-ice-incident-officials-say>).

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officers were wearing body cameras. This is a significant departure from law-abiding law enforcement agencies around the country.<sup>12</sup>

This brutal incident is part of a well-documented pattern of violence against American communities. Over the last year, Senator Richard Blumenthal and I have convened bicameral shadow hearings to document ICE's nationwide campaign of terror—from violently arresting and shooting at U.S. citizens, breaking into people's homes, targeting and attacking children, to killing both U.S. citizens and long-standing community members.<sup>13</sup> ICE's brutal assaults of U.S. citizens and members of the Long Beach community continue to put the public at grave risk of harm and death. Not a week goes by without new reporting about yet another violent and dangerous act by ICE officers somewhere in the country. The Trump Administration's unwillingness to hold officers responsible has only served to galvanize those intent on causing harm. There must be accountability for the continuous harm of Americans.

In an effort to shed light on the violent detention of Ricardo Gonzalez on October 17, 2026, please provide written answers to the following questions by November 9, 2026:

1. Please describe the circumstances of the encounter, including:
  - a. Was the individual the target of an ICE operation?
  - b. Did the officers hit Mr. Gonzalez with their vehicle?
  - c. Were the officers wearing body cameras and, if so, were they turned on? If the body cameras were not turned on, please describe the reasons.

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<sup>12</sup> *ICE Will Release Body Camera Video Only When Seen in The Agency's 'Best Interests,' Policy Says*, Washington Post (Aug. 7, 2026) (online at [https://washingtonpost.com/national/2026/08/07/ice-body-cameras-officers-shootings/6fa6d158-923f-11f1-9fdc-0a725c989a7b\\_story.html](https://washingtonpost.com/national/2026/08/07/ice-body-cameras-officers-shootings/6fa6d158-923f-11f1-9fdc-0a725c989a7b_story.html)).

<sup>13</sup> Senator Richard Blumenthal, *Press Release: Witness Testimony: Blumenthal & Robert Garcia Receive Testimony on Fatal Shootings by Federal Immigration Agents* (Sept. 22, 2026) (online at <https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/witness-testimony-blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-on-fatal-shootings-by-federal-immigration-agents>); Senator Richard Blumenthal, *Press Release: Blumenthal Delivers Opening Statement at Forum on How DHS Policies Hurt Children* (March 24, 2026) (online at <https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-garcia-hold-public-forum-to-receive-testimony-from-children-brutalized-by-dhs-agents>); Senator Richard Blumenthal, *Press Release: Witness Testimony: Blumenthal & Robert Garcia Receive Testimony About ICE Abuses from Whistleblower, U.S. Citizen Whose Rights were Violated, & Former Top Lawyer at DHS* (Feb. 23, 2026) (online at [https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-ice-abuses-from-whistleblower-us-citizen-whose-rights-were-violated\\_former-top-lawyer-at-dhs](https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-ice-abuses-from-whistleblower-us-citizen-whose-rights-were-violated_former-top-lawyer-at-dhs)); Senator Richard Blumenthal, *Press Release: Witness Testimony: Blumenthal & Robert Garcia Receive Testimony About U.S. Citizens Assaulted, Shot at & Killed by DHS Agents* (Feb. 3, 2026) (online at [www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/witness-testimony-blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-us-citizens-assaulted-shot-at\\_killed-by-dhs-agents](https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/witness-testimony-blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive-testimony-about-us-citizens-assaulted-shot-at_killed-by-dhs-agents)); Senator Richard Blumenthal, *Press Release: Blumenthal & Robert Garcia Receive Firsthand Accounts of U.S. Citizens Assaulted, Illegally Detained by DHS* (Dec. 9, 2025) (online at [https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive\\_firsthand-accounts-of-us-citizens-assaulted-illegally-detained-by-dhs-blumenthal--robert-garcia-receive-firsthand-accounts-of-us-citizens-assaulted-illegally-detained-by-dhs](https://blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-and-robert-garcia-receive_firsthand-accounts-of-us-citizens-assaulted-illegally-detained-by-dhs-blumenthal--robert-garcia-receive-firsthand-accounts-of-us-citizens-assaulted-illegally-detained-by-dhs)).

2. Please provide the following information regarding the officers involved:
  - a. The names of the officers involved, including titles, positions, and functions.
  - b. The date they were hired and whether their background check has been completed.
  - c. The full timeline of the training completed by each, in addition to a description of the training completed (online or in-person).
  - d. The name, title, and position of the ICE supervisor who authorized the encounter.
3. Please provide the name, title, and position of all employees who worked on the statement provided to the press about the incident.
4. Did officers document the encounter in a Significant Incident Report and in a Use of Force, Assaults, and Discharge report in accordance with ICE policy?
5. Has an investigation been opened into the officers' actions and if so, which entity is leading the investigation?
  - a. Have the officers involved been placed on desk duty or administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation?
  - b. If the investigation has concluded, have the officers been referred for any discipline or corrective action?

In addition to the information above, please provide the following by November 6, 2026:

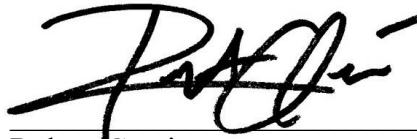
1. All video footage, including surveillance video, body-worn camera and dash camera footage from any federal and state officers present at the scene.
2. All written incident reports, reporting in DHS's Significant Event Notification system, investigative files, and any other relevant record.
3. All recorded radio, email, text, or phone communication between officers and with Field Office leadership immediately before and after the encounter.
4. Communications related to the encounter to or from the ICE Los Angeles Field Office Director, Deputy Field Office Director and Assistant Field Office Director(s).
5. Communications related to the statements provided to the press about the incident.

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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. Any pending or future Inspector General review of this incident does not relieve ICE of its obligation to respond to this request. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

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