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The Honorable Marco Rubio
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Dear Secretary Rubio:

While President Trump uses ICE as his personal police force to terrorize kids and hardworking people trying to support their families and communities, he has bent over backwards to bring to the U.S. Flávio Bolsonaro, a disgraced Brazilian politician under investigation for money laundering, corruption, and other serious crimes.[1] If the President claims he doesn't want criminals to come to the U.S., why allow Mr. Bolsonaro entry? Trump Administration officials' ties to Mr. Bolsonaro—including your own—cast doubt on the motives for giving him such special treatment. The fact that Vice President Vance's former firm has connections to one of the ongoing criminal investigations raises further questions about political considerations in this process.[2] You should immediately return Mr. Bolsonaro to Brazil to face justice and be prepared to explain why the Trump Administration is welcoming a corrupt politician and government official fleeing accountability into our country while terrorizing Americans and lawful residents of the U.S. that you have falsely labeled as criminals.

Mr. Bolsonaro arrived in Miami on October 28, 2026, after fleeing Brazil with the assistance of White House staffer Jason Miller despite a court-imposed travel ban and order to surrender his passports.[3] He faces investigations into money laundering that involves

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[1] *The Trump Administration is Disappearing Immigrants and Asylum Seekers in Growing Third Country Removal Campaign*, American Civil Liberties Union (Sept. 15, 2026) (online at www.aclu.org/news/immigrants-rights/the-trump-administration-is-disappearing-immigrants-and-asylum-seekers-in-growing-third-country-removal-campaign); *7 Years Old, No Lawyer: Migrant Children Face Deportation Hearings Alone*, New York Times (Oct. 15, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/15/us/lawyers-unaccompanied-migrant-children-deportations.html); *The Web of Investigations Flávio Bolsonaro Is Facing in Brazil*, Bloomberg (Oct. 28, 2026) (online at www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-10-28/why-is-flavio-bolsonaro-being-investigated-in-brazil); *Trump and His Aides Helped Bolsonaro Flee Brazil for the U.S.*, New York Times (Oct. 29, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/29/world/americas/flavio-bolsonaro-trump-brazil-us.html).

[2] *Brazil Probes Foreign Financing, Including Group Linked to Vance*, Bloomberg (Oct. 29, 2026) (online at www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-10-27/brazil-court-probes-foreign-support-for-bolsonaro-campaign).

[3] *Trump and His Aides Helped Bolsonaro Flee Brazil for the U.S.*, New York Times (Oct. 29, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/29/world/americas/flavio-bolsonaro-trump-brazil-us.html); *Brazil: Defeated Flávio*

fraudulently taking from retirees' government pensions, as well as a separate corruption investigation into $12.3 million allegedly routed through a U.S. fund for disgraced banker Daniel Vorcaro.[4] His campaign also faces an investigation into illegal foreign support from Vice President JD Vance's company, Rockbridge Network.[5] He continues to refuse to concede his election defeat, making unfounded claims of election fraud and declaring that he is "the leader of Brazil."[6]

During Mr. Bolsonaro's journey, you reportedly personally "recommended to [President] Trump that Bolsonaro be admitted" to the United States, "a recommendation the president signed off on."[7] Your staff then "scrambled" to find a way to admit Mr. Bolsonaro, coordinating with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials before settling on humanitarian parole.[8] As you must know, humanitarian parole is used for "urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit" and assists people aiding legitimate law enforcement investigations—not fleeing them.[9] Trump communications adviser Jason Miller, an "ally" of the Bolsonaro family, reportedly helped him flee by arranging the private jet that carried him from Argentina through Ecuador to Miami.[10] You then contradicted that reporting when you denied that the US "facilitated anything" at a G20 meeting on October 31st, further muddying the waters when the American people deserve transparency.[11] I am also concerned the Trump Administration will grant Mr. Bolsonaro, a suspected criminal and fraudster, the same expedited process for permanent residence that they gave his younger brother in July despite his own legal troubles,

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Bolsonaro Ordered to Surrender Passports, The Guardian (Oct. 26, 2026) (online at www.theguardian.com/world/2026/oct/26/flavio-bolsonaro-brazil-lula-election); *Defeated Presidential Candidate Flávio Bolsonaro and His Family Land in Miami After Fleeing Brazil*, AP News (Oct. 28, 2026) (online at https://apnews.com/article/9fc1f409ed993403736dbae07bd74bd8).

[4] *The Web of Investigations Flávio Bolsonaro Is Facing in Brazil*, Bloomberg (Oct. 28, 2026) (online at https://news.bloomberglaw.com/white-collar-and-criminal-law/the-web-of-investigations-flavio-bolsonaro-is-facing-in-brazil).

[5] *Brazilian Judge Orders Investigation into JD Vance Donor Network*, Washington Post (Oct. 27, 2026) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/world/2026/10/27/brazilian-judge-orders-investigation-into-jd-vance-donor-network/); Supreme Federal Court of Brazil, *Relator Determina Investigação sobre Possível Interferência Estrangeira nas Eleições Brasileiras* (Oct. 27, 2026) (online at https://noticias.stf.jus.br/postsnoticias/relator-determina-investigacao-sobre-possivel-interferencia-estrangeira-nas-eleicoes-brasileiras/)

[6] *Flávio Bolsonaro Calls Himself 'Leader of Brazil' After Election Loss*, BBC (Oct. 29, 2026) (online at www.bbc.com/news/articles/c3x2w4109pj8o).

[7] *Trump Not Planning to Back Bolsonaro's Claim to be Brazil's Leader, Sources Say*, Reuters (Oct. 30, 2026) (online at www.reuters.com/world/americas/trump-not-planning-back-bolsonaros-claim-be-brazils-leader-sources-say-2026-10-30/).

[8] *Id.*

[9] 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)(A).

[10] *Trump and His Aides Helped Bolsonaro Flee Brazil for the U.S.*, New York Times (Oct. 29, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/29/world/americas/flavio-bolsonaro-trump-brazil-us.html).

[11] *Rubio Says the US Government Did Not Facilitate Bolsonaro's Flight to the US*, AP News (Oct. 31, 2026) (online at https://apnews.com/article/g20-foreign-ministers-us-brazil-0ba5ba29246e4475cca2719bb962e57f?utm_source=copy&utm_medium=share).

allowing them to cut the line when millions of hardworking, law-abiding immigrants have waited years.[12]

This is not the first time you have been implicated in abusing your power over immigration. You helped broker the deal that sent hundreds of immigrants—including many without criminal records—to El Salvador's CECOT prison, where people were subjected to systematic torture and physical abuse.[13] In exchange, you reportedly promised President Bukele the return of nine MS-13 leaders, including protected U.S. informants whose cooperation threatened to expose his government's dealings with the gang. Your Administration then dismissed terrorism charges against and deported one of those leaders, jeopardizing years of investigations by Joint Task Force Vulcan.[14] The Secretary of State should not be operating a concierge service for corrupt foreign officials.

Please provide written answers, materials, and identification of officials in response to the following questions no later than November 13, 2026, covering September 1, 2026, to the present:

1. All communications concerning Mr. Bolsonaro or his departure, travel, or entry into the United States between Department personnel and the White House, DHS, Mr. Bolsonaro or his representatives, Mr. Miller, or Argentinian officials, including your recommendation to President Trump.

2. All records identifying Mr. Bolsonaro's visa or parole authorizations, their legal basis, approving officials, and any exceptions to standard vetting practices.

3. All documents and communications concerning the Rockbridge Network's alleged support for Mr. Bolsonaro's presidential campaign and whether its ties to Vice President JD Vance influenced decisions to facilitate Mr. Bolsonaro's entry into the United States.

4. All assessments of Mr. Bolsonaro's criminal investigations or passport restrictions, communications with Brazilian authorities, and records of federal assistance or expenditures supporting his travel or entry.

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[12] *Id*.

[13] *Trump Administration Knew Vast Majority of Venezuelans Sent to Salvadoran Prison Had Not Been Convicted of U.S. Crimes*, ProPublica (May 30, 2025) (online at www.propublica.org/article/trump-el-salvador-deportees-criminal-convictions-cecot-venezuela); *Now That They're Free*, ProPublica (July 30, 2025) (online at www.propublica.org/article/venezuelan-men-cecot-interviews-trump).

[14] *Rubio Promised to Betray U.S. Informants to Get Trump's El Salvador Prison Deal*, Washington Post (Oct. 19, 2025) (online at www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2025/10/19/rubio-el-salvador-prison-bukele-ms13-informants/); Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Democrats, *Press Release: Ranking Member Robert Garcia Demands Trump Administration Come Clean on Reported Deal to Release MS-13 Leaders to El Salvador* (Aug. 18, 2025) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/news/press-releases/ranking-member-robert-garcia-demands-trump-administration-come-clean-reported).

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 about this request, please contact Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-5051. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.[15]

Sincerely,

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

[15] House rule X, clause 4(c)(2).