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Dear Mr. Miller:

Oversight Democrats have been investigating the violence, abuse, and corruption carried out by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at your direction. Instead of investing to bring down costs for the American public, the Trump Administration poured more than $200 billion into a lawless campaign of terror that has violated the Constitution, killed people in our streets, detained and mistreated American citizens and law-abiding neighbors, and torn families apart—all while signing shady contracts that have made President Trump's rich friends richer. Americans are horrified by these violent and corrupt tactics that harm innocent people, undermine public safety, and devastate communities. Voters gave Congressional Democrats a sweeping mandate to root out corruption and ensure that the government is accountable to the people. We intend to act on that mandate in the 120th Congress by conducting the critically important oversight essential for legislative reform. Oversight Democrats demand that you preserve all records, communications, and information relevant to the matters outlined in this letter.

Members of the Trump Administration have described you as the "linchpin" and "architect" of the Trump Administration's most extreme policies, advocating for the widespread abuse of civil liberties.[1] We have documented, and will continue to document, your role in orchestrating, overseeing, and defending these abuses. You have pursued aggressive quotas for immigration arrests and reportedly threatened officials for failing to meet these quotas.[2] Instead

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[1] *How Stephen Miller Stokes Trump's Boundary-Pushing Impulses,* Wall Street Journal (Feb. 3, 2026) (online at https://wsj.com/politics/policy/ice-stephen-miller-pretti-trump-2448e779); *Transcript: Washington Examiner's Full Interview with White House Border Czar Tom Homan,* Washington Examiner (May 20, 2026) (online at https://washingtonexaminer.com/news/white-house/4576866/).

[2] See, e.g., *Hannity*, Fox News (May 28, 2025) (online at https://foxnews.com/video/6373591405112); *Scoop: Stephen Miller, Noem tell ICE to Supercharge Immigrant Arrests,* Axios (May 28, 2025) (online at https://axios.com/2025/05/28/immigration-ice-deportations-stephen-miller); *Stephen Miller Pushes For Even More Surprise ICE Raids—His Deportation Quotas, Explained,* Forbes (June 9, 2025) (online at www.forbes.com/sites/saradorn/2025/06/09/trumps-immigration-crackdown-guru-stephen-miller-wants-even-more-arrests/).

of directing officials to focus on targeted operations, you allegedly ordered widespread sweeps to arrest everyone, regardless of criminal history.[3] Days after an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer shot and killed an innocent American citizen, you empowered further lawbreaking by asserting federal immunity for immigration agents.[4] You have accused the American victims of DHS's violence of being domestic terrorists and defended the actions of the officers.[5] Additionally, you are reportedly spearheading a coordinated effort to accelerate the deportation of vulnerable immigrant kids and have endorsed the inhumane treatment of detainees.[6]

Oversight Democrats have documented 1,165 instances of concerning uses of force, arrests or detentions, deportations, enforcement actions at sensitive locations, and acts of intimidation or retaliation by DHS personnel, and we want answers.[7]

The record of your work in the White House belongs to the American people, not to you or to President Trump. The Presidential Records Act (PRA) is clear about your legal responsibility to preserve presidential information, including all digital records, during and after Donald Trump's presidency.[8] The law affirms that the United States, not the President, "shall reserve and retain complete ownership, possession, and control of Presidential records."[9] Oversight Democrats demand that you follow the PRA and preserve all records relevant to your time at the White House.

Oversight Democrats have heard directly from the victims of the lawless conduct of President Trump's mass deportation campaign, and from whistleblowers appalled by agency behavior. There must be accountability for those responsible for orchestrating, carrying out, and covering up these abuses, at all levels of the agency. To date, the Trump Administration has failed—and at times outright refused—to provide information demanded by Committee Democrats that would inform our investigations to allow for legislative solutions. Oversight

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[3] *The White House Marching Orders That Sparked the L.A. Migrant Crackdown*, Wall Street Journal (June 9, 2025) (online at https://wsj.com/us-news/protests-los-angeles-immigrants-trump-f5089877).

[4] Homeland Security (@DHSGov), X (Jan. 13, 2026) (online at https://x.com/DHSgov/status/2011213308968538361).

[5] *See, e.g.*, Stephen Miller (@StephenM), X (Jan. 7, 2026) (online at https://x.com/StephenM/status/2008970644541854028); Stephen Miller (@StephenM), X (Jan. 24, 2026) (online at https://x.com/StephenM/status/2015127971485413805); Stephen Miller (@StephenM), X (Jan. 27, 2026) (online at https://x.com/StephenM/status/2016362500816572919).

[6] *Trump Ally Stephen Miller Leads Sweeping Push to Accelerate Removal of Migrant Children*, The Guardian (Sept. 19, 2026) (online at https://theguardian.com/us-news/2026/sep/19/stephen-miller-trump-migrant-children); *ICE Has Quietly Used This Warehouse as a Detention Facility All Summer, Neighbors Say,* KPBS (Oct. 8, 2026) (online at https://kpbs.org/news/national/2026/10/08/ice-has-quietly-used-this-warehouse-as-a-detention-facility-all-summer-neighbors-say).

[7] Oversight Democrats, *Immigration Enforcement Dashboard* (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/immigration-dashboard) (accessed Nov. 10, 2026).

[8] 44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209.

[9] 44 U.S.C. § 2202.

Democrats will not stand for noncompliance and obstruction. The American people have spoken, and they demand accountability.

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.[10]

Sincerely,

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Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

The Honorable JD Vance, Vice President
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Mr. Tom Homan, Border Czar
The White House

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin, Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

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