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Dear Mr. Lewandowski:

Oversight Democrats are investigating allegations of corruption and abuse of power at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) during your tenure as a special government employee.[1] According to public reporting, you used your access to the Secretary of Homeland Security to "carry out private business" and steer contracts toward allies.[2] 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 related records, communications, and information pertaining to your tenure in the Trump Administration, as well as to your business activities during the same period.

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[1] *See, e.g.*, 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); 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); Letter from Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security, Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Ranking Member Rick Larsen, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to Secretary Markwayne Mullin, Department of Homeland Security (Apr. 23, 2026) (online at https://democrats-homeland.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2026-04-23_letter_re_voorhies_fema_contract.pdf); Letter from Ranking Member Robert Garcia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to Fertitta Enterprises, Inc. (May 21, 2026) (online at https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/imo/media/doc/letter_to_fertitta_enterprises_inc.pdf).

[2] *Chasing Side Deals, Flexing Influence: Lewandowski's Power Moves at DHS*, Wall Street Journal (Sept. 7, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/policy/corey-lewandowski-influence-dhs-43d3fe03); *Justice Dept. Opens Inquiry into Corey Lewandowski*, New York Times (Oct. 22, 2026) (online at www.nytimes.com/2026/10/22/us/politics/corey-lewandowski-justice-dept-inquiry.html).

Almost immediately upon entering DHS as a special government employee, allegations arose that you abused your position in the Trump Administration and close relationships to President Trump and then-Secretary Kristi Noem to enrich yourself.[3] For example, you reportedly demanded a kickback from GEO Group, Inc.—one of the largest operators of private detention facilities—based on the value of GEO Group's new or renewed contracts with DHS, which one source referred to as "a success fee."[4] In another instance, you allegedly punished Palantir, a federal contractor you had previously assisted, for refusing a meeting under suspicious circumstances.[5] Lucrative DHS contracts were awarded to companies with business or political connections to you and then-Secretary Noem during your tenure at the Department.[6] Additionally, internal communications from your tenure at DHS point to your outsized role in the Trump Administration's mass deportation campaign.[7]

Given the gravity of the allegations, Oversight Democrats intend to continue investigations into potential corruption at DHS and the violence carried out by DHS agents. We demand that you preserve all records relevant in any way to these matters, and that you preserve all such materials on an ongoing basis. This request extends to official and personal communications that may be relevant to these matters, and to any such information in the possession of your current or former agents, employees, and associated entities. Inform us immediately if you are or become aware of any attempt to destroy, conceal, or fail to preserve such information.

Americans should be secure in the knowledge that their government is focused on their best interests—not on making the President's associates richer. The American people have spoken, and they demand accountability.

Your employment status, whether with the federal government or not, does not affect the Oversight Committee's ability to pursue investigation. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and

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[3] *How Corey Lewandowski Became Kristi Noem's Gatekeeper at DHS*, Wall Street Journal (Apr. 17, 2025) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/policy/how-corey-lewandowski-became-kristi-noems-gatekeeper-at-dhs-6c08d996).

[4] *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).

[5] *Chasing Side Deals, Flexing Influence: Lewandowski's Power Moves at DHS*, Wall Street Journal (Sept. 7, 2026) (online at www.wsj.com/politics/policy/corey-lewandowski-influence-dhs-43d3fe03).

[6] See, e.g., *Firm Tied to Kristi Noem Secretly Got Money From $220 Million DHS Ad Contracts*, ProPublica (Nov. 14, 2025) (online at www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-ad-campaign-strategy-group); *Kristi Noem Misled Congress About Top Aide's Role in DHS Contracts*, ProPublica (Mar. 4, 2026) (online at www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-misled-senate-judiciary-corey-lewandowski-contracts); *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/).

[7] *Internal DHS Messages Confirm Lewandowski's Outsize Power at the Department*, Politico (Nov. 12, 2026) (online at https://politico.com/news/2026/11/12/internal-homeland-security-messages-corey-lewandowski-01162468).

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.[8]

Sincerely,

Robert Garcia
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable James Comer, Chairman

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