

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

Last week, during a visit to the “South Loop” ICE facility (the Intensive Supervision Appearance Program office located at 2245 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago) we were denied the ability to perform congressional oversight – as is our duty as members of the United States House of Representatives. During the visit to this facility, the ICE officer who refused to identify himself called the Chicago Police Department to evict us for “trespassing.”

We are writing today to express deep concern regarding the lack of oversight of these facilities and their operations, and to request immediate and full access to ICE facilities for the purpose of investigating this activity further.

This specific facility has been the site of very disturbing incidents that have shaken our community. On June 4, 2025, ICE officials detained at least 10 individuals after they were texted to demand they show up for a routine appointment<sup>1</sup>. It is unclear exactly how many people were taken, where they were taken to, and if they were given access to counsel – all of which we were hoping to learn through performing our oversight duties. We were denied those answers. We are writing to you today to demand access to this facility.

Our request comes as the President has declared his intent to carry out the “single largest mass deportation program in history,” specifically naming the city of Chicago as a target, in addition to other Democratic-run cities<sup>2</sup>. The President’s politically motivated actions are deeply troubling, particularly for communities like ours in Illinois that have already seen intensified enforcement activity in recent weeks.

The administration must ensure that all individuals, regardless of immigration status, are treated with dignity and afforded due process – as that is the law. Yet the reality on the ground tells a different story. The President has repeatedly targeted Chicago, and we are now witnessing the consequences unfold in disturbing ways.

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<sup>1</sup> [ICE agents detain at least 10 immigrants as elected officials try to block officers in the South Loop - Chicago Sun-Times, June 4, 2025](#)

<sup>2</sup> [President Trump on Truth Social- https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114690267066155731](https://truthsocial.com/@realDonaldTrump/posts/114690267066155731), June 15, 2025

In Chicago, these facilities are the site of reports that allege rushed deportations, inadequate medical care, restricted legal access, and poor conditions<sup>3</sup>. These are not isolated incidents—they point to broader systemic failures in enforcement and facility oversight.

Some of the individuals lured to ICE facilities in Chicago were reportedly detained for several days under inhumane conditions. One of those detained, Ms. Gladis Yolanda Chavez Pineda—a longtime Chicago resident and respected community leader—described a harrowing experience. Her husband stated in an interview, “She has not had access to a shower. She has not had access to feminine hygiene products. She has not been able to change her clothes...They have no information of what’s happening. They don’t even have a clock.”<sup>4</sup> After being moved to a jail in Kentucky, Pineda reported that “People are sleeping on concrete floors. Last Sunday, one mattress was given to a group of 20 mothers to share. In one of the facilities, only one bathroom is given to 20 or more individuals, with no partitions and privacy.”<sup>5</sup>

These reports reflect systemic issues in ICE’s enforcement strategies and facility management, not just in Illinois but across the country.

Now, with hundreds of individuals reportedly receiving text messages and emails instructing them to appear at Chicago’s facilities, there is an urgent need for clarity and accountability<sup>6</sup>. This sudden escalation raises serious concerns about the intent and preparedness of ICE’s operations, and it demands immediate oversight.

Given the serious and potentially illegal nature of the activity in these reports, we request that the Department of Homeland Security allows Members of Congress to access the South Loop facility for the purpose of investigating their activity further. Please issue a response by Friday, June 27, 2025.

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress



Jonathan Jackson  
Member of Congress

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<sup>3</sup> [Lawmakers Investigating Allegations Of 'Inhumane' Conditions At ICE Facility Denied Entry; Book Club Chicago, June 18, 2025](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Broadview ICE facility faces scrutiny over alleged poor conditions, treatment; WGNTV, June 7, 2025](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Chicago Mom Arrested By ICE Faces 'Inhumane' Conditions In Kentucky Jail, Organizers Say; Chicago Book, June 16, 2025.](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Hundreds received texts, emails ordering them to go to Broadview immigration center; Fox32 Chicago, June 15, 2025](#)