

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 24, 2025

The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

I am writing to request in the strongest possible terms that you convene a hearing with Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, at the earliest possible moment. Masked agents operating under Secretary Noem's direction and authority have routinely been racially profiling, harassing and harming U.S. citizens in what appears to be a concerted effort to sow fear and uncertainty in select communities and states that didn't vote for President Trump last year. This use of federal law enforcement power and taxpayer resources to extract political retribution is wrong and Secretary Noem must appear before our Committee to explain why it is happening.

As part of Operation Midway Blitz, on September 16, in Elgin, Illinois, an American citizen was dragged from his home, handcuffed and detained by ICE agents for reasons that ICE has neither explained nor apologized for¹. On the same day, an American citizen in Des Plaines, Illinois, was tased in the face in front of his children by ICE agents who did not identify themselves². Again, ICE has provided no explanation or apology. Just days later, at the ICE facility in Broadview, Illinois, federal agents escalated tensions by firing pepper balls and chemical agents at demonstrators, sending some to the hospital³. At least 16 protesters were arrested over the weekend, amid reports of racial profiling and violent tactics that further eroded trust between the community and federal law enforcement⁴.

These incidents are being repeated throughout the nation: American citizens are being made to feel afraid and insecure in their own homes simply because of the color of their skin. ICE and other armed agents operating under Secretary Noem's authority face no consequences for wrong actions, poor decisions, and harmful conduct. This is not acceptable conduct or policy. Secretary Noem took an oath upon taking office and it is the same one we all take: to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. Sadly, Secretary Noem appears to have placed that oath beneath the need for press conferences and the American people deserve to have her testify before their elected representatives to explain her unconstitutional conduct.

¹ [Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem leads Elgin raid; 1 U.S. citizen among 6 detained - Chicago Sun-Times- September 16, 2025](#)

² [U.S. citizen tased and detained during ICE operation in Des Plaines, Illinois - CBS Chicago- September 16, 2025](#)

³ [Protests continue after heated clashes outside Broadview, Illinois ICE facility - CBS News Chicago - September 22, 2025](#)

⁴ [Broadview chaplain calls for calm as ICE protests continue outside facility - ABC7 Chicago - September 22, 2025](#)

I look forward to working with you to schedule this hearing which I believe would be welcomed by Republicans and Democrats alike. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raja Krishnamoorthi", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress