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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

The Committee on the Judiciary continues to conduct oversight of the Biden Administration's enforcement of federal immigration law. The Committee previously wrote to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for various documents and information, including the production of alien files (A-files) and related immigration case information for several alleged criminal illegal aliens. However, to date, DHS has failed to comply with the Committee's requests.

Daniel Hernandez-Martinez

On October 30, 2023, the Committee requested¹ the A-file and related immigration case information for Daniel Hernandez Martinez, a Venezuelan national, who “randomly attacked at least three strangers and two cops and gotten arrested—and released—six times on 14 different charges” within just two months of his arrival in New York City.² The deadline for production lapsed on November 13, 2023, nearly five months ago. Committee staff followed up with DHS on November 13³ and January 25;⁴ however, to date, DHS has not produced the A-file.

¹ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Oct. 30, 2023).

² Tina Moore, *Migrant arrested 6 times for 14 crimes in first two months in NYC*, N.Y. POST (Sept. 2, 2023, 10:15 AM), https://nypost.com/2023/09/02/newly-arrived-immigrant-arrested-7-times-court-records-show/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=nypost_metro.

³ Email from Committee staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Nov. 13, 2023) (on file with Comm.).

⁴ Email from Committee staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Jan. 25, 2024) (on file with Comm.).

Roberto Emilio Vasquez-Santamaria

On October 30, 2023, the Committee requested⁵ the A-file and related immigration case information for Roberto Emilio Vasquez-Santamaria, a national of Peru, following reports that Texas Rangers arrested the alien for an alleged murder.⁶ Vasquez-Santamaria is accused of “bludgeon[ing] [the victim] to death in the backyard of a home.”⁷ According to press reports, Vasquez-Santamaria entered the U.S. illegally and was released to a non-governmental shelter in Eagle Pass, Texas, on May 9, 2023.⁸ Although the production deadline lapsed nearly five months ago and the Committee has followed up with DHS about its request,⁹ DHS has not produced the A-file.

Pierre Lucard Emile

On January 24, 2024, the Committee requested¹⁰ the A-file and related immigration case information for Pierre Lucard Emile, a Haitian national, after police in Boston, Massachusetts, arrested the alien in connection with a vicious “assault and battery on a developmentally disabled person.”¹¹ According to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Emile initially entered the United States through the Brownsville, Texas, port of entry in December 2022, “where he was deemed inadmissible,”¹² yet DHS released him after he was “issued a notice to appear before an immigration judge . . . in Boston.”¹³ The production deadline for the A-file lapsed on February 7, more than two months ago. Despite the Committee following up on its request,¹⁴ DHS has failed to produce the A-file.

Alleged Assaulters of New York City Police Officers

On February 7, 2024, the Committee requested the A-files and related immigration case information for a group of so-called “asylum seekers” who brutally attacked two New York City

⁵ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Oct. 30, 2023).

⁶ Randy Clark, *Exclusive: Migrant Released by Biden Admin Arrested for Texas Border Town Murder*, BREITBART (Sept. 19, 2023), <https://www.breitbart.com/border/2023/09/19/exclusive-migrant-released-by-biden-admin-arrested-for-texas-border-town-murder/>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Clark, *supra* note 6.

⁹ Email from Committee staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Nov. 13, 2023) (on file with Comm.); Email from Committee staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Jan. 25, 2024) (on file with Comm.).

¹⁰ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Jan. 24, 2024).

¹¹ Adam Shaw & Bill Melugin, *Haitian illegal immigrant charged with rape released back onto streets in Boston despite ICE appeals*, FOX NEWS (Jan. 18, 2024), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/haitian-illegal-immigrant-charged-with-rape-released-back-onto-streets-in-boston-despite-ice-appeals>.

¹² U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t, *ERO Boston arrests Haitian Citizen charged with rape, indecent assault*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (Jan. 17, 2024), <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ero-boston-arrests-haitian-citizen-charged-rape-indecent-assault>

¹³ Shaw & Melugin, *supra* note 11.

¹⁴ Email from Committee staff, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Office of Leg. Affairs, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Feb. 7, 2024) (on file with Comm.).

police officers near a migrant shelter in Times Square.¹⁵ According to media reports, those arrested and charged in the attack include Darwin Andres Gomez-Izquier, Kelvin Servat Arocha, Juarez Wilson, Jhoan Boada, Yorman Reveron, Yohenny Brito, and Jandry Barros.¹⁶ Due to New York City’s radical, soft-on-crime policies, several of the reported attackers were subsequently released “without monetary bail.”¹⁷ After being released from custody, four of the accused attackers reportedly fled New York.¹⁸ According to press reports, “the four provided phony names to a nonprofit group working with the city on migrant issues before boarding [a California-bound] bus.”¹⁹ The production deadline lapsed nearly two months ago. To date, DHS has failed to produce the A-files.

Bechir Lehbeib

On February 7, 2024, the Committee requested²⁰ the A-file and related immigration case information for Bechir Lehbeib, a 26-year-old “Palestinian migrant,” who, according to press reports, was arrested by Nassau County police after he “stole a homeowner’s U.S. and Israeli flags out of his yard and then beat the man to the ground while yelling antisemitic slurs.”²¹ Lehbeib was charged with “hate crime assault, robbery[,] and criminal mischief.”²² Authorities believe that Lehbeib “entered the U.S. at the Mexican border in Arizona over the summer and claimed to be seeking asylum.”²³ While the deadline for production lapsed more than a month ago, to date, DHS has not produced the A-file.

Alleged Attackers in Vicious Chicago Train Robbery

On March 1, 2024, the Committee requested²⁴ the A-files and related immigration case information for four Venezuelan nationals after they were arrested by Chicago police officers for “lur[ing] a man to the back of a CTA train car and chok[ing] him into unconsciousness during a

¹⁵ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Feb. 7, 2024).

¹⁶ Marcia Kramer et al., *Calls grow to deport migrants who NYPD officers in Times Square*, CBS NEWS (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/nypd-officers-attacked-times-square-migrant-shelter-arrests/>.

However, following his arrest, Jhoan Boada has since been exonerated by police for his alleged participation in the attack.

¹⁷ Joe Marino et al., *Police believe four of the migrants charged in cop beatdown near Times Square fled on a bus to California*, N.Y. POST (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/02/01/metro/police-believe-4-of-the-migrants-arrested-in-nyc-cop-beatdown-fled-to-california/>.

¹⁸ Aaron Katersky, *6 facing charges in connection with assault on police officers in Times Square*, ABC NEWS (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/5-asylum-seekers-arrested-assault-police-officers-times/story?id=106825390>.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Feb. 7, 2024).

²¹ Michael Ruiz, *Palestinian migrant who arrived via Mexico allegedly beat homeowner over his support for Israel: video*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 7, 2024, 4:00AM), https://www.foxnews.com/us/palestinian-migrant-who-came-mexico-beat-homeowner-over-support-israel-video?intcmp=tw_fnc.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 1, 2024).

vicious robbery.”²⁵ The four men, Carlos Carreno-Carreno, Wilker Gutierrez Sierra, Yonnier Guasamucare-Garcia, and Fernando Loyo-Rodriguez, were “charged with robbery and aggravated battery by strangulation.”²⁶ Press reports indicate that Carreno-Carreno, Loyo-Rodriguez, and Guasamucare-Garcia entered the U.S. just months ago and that they “were on pretrial release” resulting from previous arrests involving retail theft.²⁷ Although the deadline for production lapsed on March 14, to date, DHS has failed to produce the A-files.

Renzo Mendoza Montes

On March 1, 2024, the Committee requested²⁸ the A-file and related immigration case information for Renzo Mendoza Montes, “a 32-year-old Venezuelan national,” arrested by police in Campbell County, Virginia, for the brutal assault of a 14-year-old girl.²⁹ Authorities state that Mendoza Montes was “previously detained and released by U.S. Customs and Border [Protection] in El Paso, Texas, on September 2, 2023.”³⁰ The production deadline lapsed nearly a month ago; however, DHS has not produced the A-file.

Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana

On March 14, 2024, the Committee requested³¹ the A-file and related immigration case information for Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana, a 19-year-old Honduran national, arrested by police in Kenner, Louisiana, for the brutal assault of a 14-year-old girl and the “repeat[ed] stabbing [of] [a] man during a robbery.”³² Castellanos-Orellana “was charged with armed robbery, aggravated battery, first-degree rape, and aggravated assault.”³³ According to authorities, Castellanos-Orellana, an illegal alien, “entered the U.S. in Eagle Pass, Texas on October 6, 2023.”³⁴ While the production deadline lapsed on March 28, 2024, DHS has failed to produce the requested materials.

²⁵ Tim Hecke, *Weeks after arriving in USA, migrants choked robbery victim into unconsciousness on CTA train: prosecutors*, CWB CHICAGO (Feb. 22, 2024, 7:26 PM), <https://cwbchicago.com/2024/02/chicago-migrants-charged-attacking-robbing-cta-passenger.html>.

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ Hecke, *supra* note 25.

²⁸ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 1, 2024).

²⁹ Chris Pandolfo, *Venezuelan illegal immigrant charged with sexual assault against 14-year-old in Virginia*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 27, 2024, 2:19 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/venezuelan-illegal-immigrant-charged-sexual-assault-14-year-old-virginia>.

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 14, 2024).

³² Michael Dorgan, *Honduran illegal migrant arrested for rape of girl, 14, stabbing man during knifepoint robbery*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 28, 2024, 8:14 AM), https://www.foxnews.com/us/honduran-illegal-migrant-arrested-rape-girl-14-stabbing-man-knifepoint-robbery?intcmp=tw_fnc.

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ Jackson Walker, *Louisiana police arrest illegal immigrant on armed robbery, juvenile rape charges*, KOMO NEWS (Feb. 28, 2024, 9:58 AM), <https://komonews.com/news/nation-world/louisiana-police-arrest-illegal-immigrant-on-armed-robbery-juvenile-rape-charges-angel-matias-castellanos-orellana-kenner-border-crisis-mexico-immigration-migrant>.

Carlos Obed Yopez-Bedoya

On March 14, 2024, the Committee requested³⁵ the A-file and related immigration case information for Carlos Obed Yopez-Bedoya, a 40-year-old Colombian national found to be a “‘positive match’ with the terror watchlist.”³⁶ According to press reports, Yopez-Bedoya “illegally cross[ed]” the southwest border and “was flagged as a ‘group member,’ indicating [his] associat[ion] with a terror organization.”³⁷ Although the production deadline lapsed in March, DHS has not produced the A-file.

Argenis and Diego Ibarra

On March 18, 2024, the Committee requested the A-file and related immigration case information for Argenis and Diego Ibarra, Venezuelan nationals and relatives of the illegal alien charged with murdering 22-year-old nursing student Laken Riley.³⁸ Press reports indicate the brothers entered the U.S. in April 2023.³⁹ Although Diego Ibarra had Tren de Aragua gang-affiliated tattoos on his body and “agents from Homeland Security Investigations found social media accounts where Ibarra flashed gang[] hand signals,” the Biden Administration released Diego Ibarra and “placed [him] in [an] Alternatives to Detention program (ATD).”⁴⁰ On “May 25, 2023, Ibarra was removed from the ATD program” after it was discovered that he “cut off his ankle monitor,” which “was located on the side of the road in Littleton, Colorado.”⁴¹ Since coming to the U.S., both brothers have had run-ins with the law relating to their possession of fraudulent immigration documents.⁴² In addition, Diego Ibarra has been connected to a domestic dispute⁴³ and was arrested for driving under the influence⁴⁴ and shoplifting.⁴⁵ The production deadline for the Ibarra brothers’ A-files lapsed on April 1, 2024, but DHS has not produced the requested materials.

³⁵ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 14, 2024).

³⁶ Jennie Taer, *Illegal migrant on terror watchlist arrested at Eagle Pass days before Trump, Biden visits: sources*, N.Y. POST (March. 5, 2024, 10:15 AM), <https://nypost.com/2024/03/05/us-news/migrant-on-terror-watchlist-arrested-days-before-trump-visit-sources/>.

³⁷ *Id.*

³⁸ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 18, 2024).

³⁹ Joyce Lupiani, *UGA campus murder: Third Ibarra brother also arrested for entering country illegally*, FOX 5 ATLANTA (Mar. 8, 2024), <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/third-ibarra-brother-arrested-in-athens-for-entering-country-illegally>.

⁴⁰ Michael Ruiz, *Illegal brother of Laken Riley murder suspect linked to Venezuelan crime gang: DOJ*, FOX NEWS (March. 6, 2024, 7:13 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/illegal-brother-laken-riley-murder-suspect-linked-venezuelan-crime-gang-doj>.

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² Lupiani, *supra* note 39.

⁴³ Ruiz, *supra* note 40.

⁴⁴ *Id.*

⁴⁵ *Undocumented Venezuelan Man Charged with Possessing Fake Green Card*, U.S. DEP’T OF JUSTICE (Feb. 23, 2024), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/undocumented-venezuelan-man-charged-possessing-fake-green-card>.

Cory Alvarez

On March 19, 2024, the Committee requested⁴⁶ the A-file and related immigration case information for Cory Alvarez, a 26-year-old Haitian national arrested by Rockland, Massachusetts, police in connection with a vicious assault on a disabled 15-year-old girl.⁴⁷ According to press reports, in June 2023, Alvarez was flown “directly from Haiti to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City”⁴⁸ as part of the Biden Administration’s illegal categorical parole program known as CHNV that “allows up to 30,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans to fly into the U.S.” each month.⁴⁹ The deadline for production of the requested materials lapsed on April 2, 2024, but DHS has failed to produce the A-file.

Awet Hagos

On March 26, 2024, the Committee requested⁵⁰ the A-file and related immigration case information for Awet Hagos, a 32-year-old Eritrean national who “entered the U.S. illegally after residing in Haiti and had been living in North Carolina for the last six months.”⁵¹ The Gates County Sheriff’s Office in North Carolina, responding to reports of gunfire, “attempted to take Hagos into custody.”⁵² However, the alien “became ‘extremely combative[,]’ [] attempted to disarm a deputy of their firearm, . . . fled into his home[,] and led police on a four-hour standoff.”⁵³ Hagos was “charged with three counts of assault on a government official, three counts of resisting a public officer, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.”⁵⁴ After the arrest, authorities ran Hagos’s fingerprints and “allegedly found that he was on the terrorist watch list.”⁵⁵ The Committee requested DHS produce the A-file by April 9, 2024, but to date, the materials have not been provided.

⁴⁶ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 19, 2024).

⁴⁷ Bill Melugin et.al., *Haitian migrant charged with rape of 15-year-old girl entered via controversial parole program: sources*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 15, 2024, 7:58 AM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/haitian-migrant-charged-rape-15-year-old-girl-entered-controversial-parole-program-sources>.

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ Bill Melugin (@BillMelugin_), X (Mar. 15, 2024, 7:36 AM), https://twitter.com/billmelugin_/status/1768602198546808871?s=51&t=RH5MZNuzP0e9qU5VQkRYBg.

⁵⁰ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 26, 2024).

⁵¹ Sarah Rumph-Whitten, *Man arrested following North Carolina barricade incident on terror watch list, illegal migrant*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 20, 2024, 11:54 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/man-arrested-following-north-carolina-barricade-incident-terror-watch-list-illegal-migrant>.

⁵² *Id.*

⁵³ *Id.*

⁵⁴ *Id.*

⁵⁵ *Id.*

Jose Barrera

On March 26, 2024, the Committee requested⁵⁶ the A-file and related immigration case information for Jose Barrera, after police in O’Fallon, Missouri, arrested him in connection with the brutal stabbing of “his neighbor and the neighbor’s brother” at a laundromat.⁵⁷ According to authorities, Barrera “entered the U.S. illegally through Eagle Pass, Texas, in 2021.”⁵⁸ Although the deadline for production lapsed on April 9, 2024, DHS has not produced the A-file.

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DHS’s failure to provide the Committee with the requested documents is unacceptable and prevents the Committee from fulfilling its constitutional oversight obligations. Accordingly, please provide the documents and information requested in the Committee’s October 30, January 24, February 7, March 1, March 14, March 18, March 19, and March 26 letters (enclosed herein for your convenience) as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2024. The Committee may be forced to resort to compulsory process if these requests remain outstanding.

The Committee is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration law pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives.⁵⁹ If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
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Subcommittee on Responsiveness and
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⁵⁶ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Mar. 26, 2024).

⁵⁷ Clarissa Cowley, *Man charged with stabbing neighbor and his brother outside laundromat in O’Fallon, Missouri*, 5ONYOURSIDE (Mar. 18, 2024, 8:51 PM), <https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/crime/illegal-immigrant-stabbing-laundromat-ofallon/63-499fcfa9-cfd8-4943-a5e4-5ef047425fed>.

⁵⁸ Cowley, *supra* note 57.

⁵⁹ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Enclosures

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

According to press reports, Daniel Hernandez Martinez, a Venezuelan national, “has randomly attacked at least three strangers and two cops, and gotten arrested—and released—six times on 14 different charges” since arriving in New York City only two months ago.¹ In addition to a string of petty thefts, including “using a large metal pipe to break locks to steal bicycles in Times Square,” Martinez is alleged to have threatened and assaulted multiple people, including hitting a man with a bike tire, kicking a woman and dragging her by her hair, threatening another person with a chain, and pulling “out a large knife and advanc[ing] toward an undercover officer.”²

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Daniel Hernandez Martinez:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien’s immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

¹ Tina Moore, *Migrant arrested 6 times for 14 crimes in first two months in NYC*, N. Y. POST (Sept. 2, 2023, 10:15 AM), https://nypost.com/2023/09/02/newly-arrived-immigrant-arrested-7-times-court-records-show/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=nypost_metro.

² *Id.*

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2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien's entries into the United States.
3. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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² *Id.*

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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

In September 2023, police in Boston, Massachusetts, arrested Pierre Lucard Emile in connection with a vicious “assault and battery on a developmentally disabled person.”¹ According to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Emile initially entered the United States through the Brownsville, Texas, port of entry in December 2022, “where he was deemed inadmissible,” yet the Department of Homeland Security released him after he was “issued a notice to appear before an immigration judge . . . in Boston.”²

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¹ Adam Shaw & Bill Melugin, *Haitian illegal immigrant charged with rape released back onto streets in Boston despite ICE appeals*, FOX NEWS (Jan. 18, 2024), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/haitian-illegal-immigrant-charged-with-rape-released-back-onto-streets-in-boston-despite-ice-appeals>.

² U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t, *ERO Boston arrests Haitian Citizen charged with rape, indecent assault*, U.S. DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC. (Jan. 17, 2024), <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ero-boston-arrests-haitian-citizen-charged-rape-indecent-assault>; Shaw et. al., *supra* note 1.

³ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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3. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 7, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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February 7, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On January 27, 2024, two New York City police officers were brutally attacked by a group of “asylum seekers” near a migrant shelter in Times Square.¹ According to press reports, the illegal aliens arrested and charged with assault and other crimes related to the attacks include Darwin Andres Gomez-Izquier, Kelvin Servat Arocha, Juarez Wilson, Jhoan Boada, Yorman Reveron, Yohenny Brito, and Jandry Barros.² Due to New York City’s radical, soft-on-crime policies, several of the reported attackers were subsequently released “without monetary bail.”³ After being released from custody, at least one of the illegal aliens was caught on video making an obscene gesture on his way out of court.⁴ In addition, four of the accused attackers reportedly have already fled New York.⁵ According to press reports, “the four provided phony names to a nonprofit group working with the city on migrant issues before boarding [a California-bound] bus.”⁶

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration

¹ Marcia Kramer et al., *Calls grow to deport migrants who NYPD officers in Times Square*, CBS NEWS (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/nypd-officers-attacked-times-square-migrant-shelter-arrests/>.

² Michael Dorgan, *Illegal migrant flips middle fingers after being charged with attacking NYPD in Times Square*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/illegal-migrant-flips-middle-fingers-charged-attacking-nypd-times-square>.

³ Joe Marino et al., *Police believe four of the migrants charged in cop beatdown near Times Square fled on a bus to California*, N.Y. POST (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/02/01/metro/police-believe-4-of-the-migrants-arrested-in-nyc-cop-beatdown-fled-to-california/>.

⁴ Dorgan, *supra* note 2.

⁵ Aaron Katersky, *6 facing charges in connection with assault on police officers in Times Square*, ABC NEWS (Feb. 1, 2024), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/5-asylum-seekers-arrested-assault-police-officers-times/story?id=106825390>.

⁶ *Id.*

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policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁷ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following information and materials regarding the aliens involved in the attack on the officers, including: Darwin Andres Gomez-Izquier, Kelvin Servat Arocha, Juarez Wilson, Jhoan Boada, Yorman Reveron, Jandry Barros, and Yohenny Brito.


1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the aliens' immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien files (A-files) or consular files (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the aliens' entries into the United States.
3. Information regarding the aliens' processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the aliens and what questions were asked of the aliens during the screening process.
4. Whether U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement lodged an immigration detainer against each alien.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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⁷ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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February 8, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 4, 2024, police in Nassau County, New York, arrested Bechir Lehbeib, a 26-year-old “Palestinian migrant,” who according to press reports, “stole a homeowner’s U.S. and Israeli flags out of his yard and then beat the man to the ground while yelling antisemitic slurs.”¹ Lehbeib was charged with “hate crime assault, robbery and criminal mischief.”² Authorities believe that Lehbeib “entered the U.S. at the Mexican border in Arizona over the summer and claimed to be seeking asylum.”³

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁴ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Bechir Lehbeib:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien’s immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

¹ Michael Ruiz, *Palestinian migrant who arrived via Mexico allegedly beat homeowner over his support for Israel: video*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 7, 2024, 4:00AM), https://www.foxnews.com/us/palestinian-migrant-who-came-mexico-beat-homeowner-over-support-israel-video?intcmp=tw_fnc.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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March 1, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 22, 2024, the Sheriff's Office in Campbell County, Virginia, arrested Renzo Mendoza Montes, "a 32-year-old Venezuelan national," for the assault of a 14-year-old girl.¹ Authorities state that Mendoza Montes was "previously detained and released by U.S. Customs and Border [Protection] in El Paso, Texas, on September 2, 2023."²

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation's immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration's border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.³ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Renzo Mendoza Montes:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien's immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien's entries into the United States.

¹ Chris Pandolfo, *Venezuelan illegal immigrant charged with sexual assault against 14-year-old in Virginia*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 27, 2024, 2:19 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/venezuelan-illegal-immigrant-charged-sexual-assault-14-year-old-virginia>.

² *Id.*

³ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 17, 2024, the Chicago Police Department arrested “[f]our Venezuelan migrants” after they “lured a man to the back of a CTA train car and choked him into unconsciousness during a vicious robbery.”¹ The four men, Carlos Carreno-Carreno, Wilker Gutierrez Sierra, Yonnier Guasamucare-Garcia, and Fernando Loyo-Rodriguez, were “charged with robbery and aggravated battery by strangulation.”² Press reports indicate that Carreno-Carreno, Loyo-Rodriguez, and Guasamucare-Garcia entered the U.S. within the last three months and that they “were on pretrial release” resulting from previous arrests involving retail theft.³

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁴ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Carlos Carreno-Carreno, Wilker Gutierrez Sierra, Yonnier Guasamucare-Garcia, and Fernando Loyo-Rodriguez:

¹ Tim Hecke, *Weeks after arriving in USA, migrants choked robbery victim into unconsciousness on CTA train: prosecutors*, CWB CHICAGO (Feb. 22, 2024, 7:26PM), <https://cwbchicago.com/2024/02/chicago-migrants-charged-attacking-robbering-cta-passenger.html>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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March 14, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 25, 2024, the Kenner, Louisiana Police Department arrested Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana, a 19-year-old Honduran national, in connection with the brutal assault of a 14-year-old girl and the “repeat[ed] stabbing [of] [a] man during a robbery.”¹ Castellanos-Orellana “was charged with armed robbery, aggravated battery, first-degree rape, and aggravated assault.”² According to authorities, Castellanos-Orellana, an illegal alien, “entered the U.S. in Eagle Pass, Texas on October 6, 2023.”³

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁴ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Angel Matias Castellanos-Orellana:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien’s immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

¹ Michael Dorgan, *Honduran illegal migrant arrested for rape of girl, 14, stabbing man during knifepoint robbery*, FOX NEWS (Feb. 28, 2024, 8:14 AM), https://www.foxnews.com/us/honduran-illegal-migrant-arrested-rape-girl-14-stabbing-man-knifepoint-robbery?intcmp=tw_fnc.

² *Id.*

³ Jackson Walker, *Louisiana police arrest illegal immigrant on armed robbery, juvenile rape charges*, KOMO NEWS (Feb. 28, 2024, 9:58 AM), <https://komonews.com/news/nation-world/louisiana-police-arrest-illegal-immigrant-on-armed-robbery-juvenile-rape-charges-angel-matias-castellanos-orellana-kenner-border-crisis-mexico-immigration-migrant>.

⁴ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 21, 2024, the Texas Department of Public Safety in Eagle Pass, Texas, arrested Carlos Obed Yepez-Bedoya, a 40-year-old Colombian national.¹ After being picked up by Border Patrol, Yepez-Bedoya was found to be a “‘positive match’ with the terror watchlist.”² According to a press report, Yepez-Bedoya “illegally cross[ed]” the southern border and “was flagged as a ‘group member,’ indicating [his] associat[ion] with a terror organization.”³

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁴ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Carlos Obed Yepez-Bedoya:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien’s immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien’s entries into the United States.

¹ Jennie Taer, *Illegal migrant on terror watchlist arrested at Eagle Pass days before Trump, Biden visits: sources*, NY POST (March. 5, 2024, 10:15 AM), <https://nypost.com/2024/03/05/us-news/migrant-on-terror-watchlist-arrested-days-before-trump-visit-sources/>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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March 18, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On February 27, 2024, we wrote to you requesting information and documents regarding Jose Antonio Ibarra,¹ the 26-year-old illegal alien from Venezuela, who allegedly murdered Laken Riley, a 22-year-old Augusta University nursing student, on February 22, 2024.² According to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Biden Administration released Ibarra into the United States in 2022 after he “entered the U.S. illegally from Venezuela,”³ paroling him into the country⁴ despite his reported affiliation with the dangerous Tren de Aragua gang.⁵

We now write to request the same information and documents regarding Ibarra’s brothers, Diego and Argenis Ibarra. According to ICE, both brothers entered the United States illegally

¹ Letter from Jim Jordan et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Alejandro Mayorkas Sec’y, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (Feb. 27, 2024).

² Rosie Manins, *Laken Riley case: Suspect had been arrested by federal, local authorities*, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION (Feb. 26, 2024), <https://www.ajc.com/news/suspect-in-student-death-at-uga-cited-for-october-shoplifting-in-athens/KQNKOZMOLJBINHW4HQQXXZJ27Q/>.

³ S. Dev, *Suspect in murder of Georgia nursing student entered U.S. illegally, had previously been arrested*, ICE says, CBS NEWS (Feb. 26, 2024, 7:50 PM), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/jose-ibarra-suspect-murder-georgia-nursing-student-illegal-entry-venezuela/>.

⁴ Ashley R. Williams, Raja Razek, & Priscilla Alvarez, *New details emerge following arrest in case of murdered University of Georgia jogger*, CNN (Feb. 25, 2024), <https://abc7chicago.com/university-of-georgia-laken-hope-riley-nursing-student-killed-in-jose-antonio-ibarra/14467697/>.

⁵ Jennie Taer, *Migrant charged with Laken Riley’s murder easily entered US despite links to bloodthirsty gang, bombshell Post probe reveals*, N.Y. POST (Mar. 8, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/03/08/us-news/migrant-charged-with-murdering-laken-rileys-easy-path-to-us/>.

near Eagle Pass, Texas, on April 3, 2023.⁶ They were expelled by Border Patrol agents pursuant to Title 42 authorities but re-entered the country illegally on April 30, 2023.⁷ Despite attempting to bite a Border Patrol agent, Diego Ibarra was subsequently released on Alternatives to Detention (ATD) by ICE.⁸ Argenis Ibarra was released by ICE with a notice to appear in immigration court.⁹

Since his release, Diego Ibarra's interactions with U.S. law enforcement officials reportedly include arrests for "failure to appear for a fingerprintable offense,"¹⁰ driving under the influence, "speeding, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol, [] driving without a license," shoplifting,¹¹ as well as a visit from police during which Diego Ibarra was accused of slapping his girlfriend in the face.¹² According to authorities, Diego Ibarra, like his brother Jose, "appears to be affiliated with the Tren de Aragua gang."¹³ He was most recently arrested as police in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, were searching for Riley's murderer, after he produced a fake green card when asked for identification.¹⁴ Argenis Ibarra was encountered by ICE on February 23, 2024, in Athens, Georgia, while ICE was "assisting the University of Georgia Police Department with their investigation into the murder of Laken Riley."¹⁵

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation's immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration's border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.¹⁶ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following information and materials regarding Argenis Ibarra and Diego Ibarra.

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the aliens' immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien files (A-files) or consular files (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

⁶ Audrey Conklin, *Laken riley murder suspect's second brother was twice deported before settling in Georgia*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 8, 2024, 11:09 AM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/laken-riley-murder-suspects-2nd-brother-twice-deported-settling-georgia>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Undocumented Venezuelan Man Charged with Possessing Fake Green Card*, U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE (Feb. 23, 2024), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/undocumented-venezuelan-man-charged-possessing-fake-green-card>.

¹¹ Memorandum of Facts in Support of Gov. Motion for Det. at 5, *United States v. Diego Ibarra*, No.3:24-MJ-00005-CHW (M.D. Ga. Mar. 6, 2024).

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Ronny Reyes, *Laken Riley's suspected killer linked to bloodthirsty Venezuelan gang behind terror in NYC: court docs*, N. Y. POST (Mar. 7, 2024), <https://nypost.com/2024/03/07/us-news/brother-of-laken-rileys-suspected-killer-has-ties-to-venezuela-gang-prosecutors/>.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ Conklin, *supra* note 6.

¹⁶ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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4. Whether U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement lodged an immigration detainer against the aliens.
5. Whether the aliens were on Alternatives to Detention (ATD) and, if so, the type of ATD, the dates for which the aliens were on ATD, and the date on which ICE removed the aliens from ATD.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



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March 19, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On March 13, 2024, police in Rockland, Massachusetts, “arrested 26-year-old Cory Alvarez, a Haitian national,”¹ in connection with a vicious assault on a disabled “15-year-old girl.”² According to press reports, in June 2023, Alvarez was “fl[own] directly from Haiti to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City”³ as part of the Biden Administration’s illegal categorical parole program known as CHNV that “allows up to 30,000 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans to fly into the U.S.” each month.⁴

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation’s immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁵ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Cory Alvarez:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien’s immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

¹ Bill Melugin et.al., *Haitian migrant charged with rape of 15-year-old girl entered via controversial parole program: sources*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 15, 2024, 7:58 AM), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/haitian-migrant-charged-rape-15-year-old-girl-entered-controversial-parole-program-sources>.

² Bill Melugin (@BillMelugin_), X (Mar. 15, 2024, 7:36 AM), https://twitter.com/billmelugin_/status/1768602198546808871?s=51&t=RH5MZNuzP0e9qU5VQkRYBg, see Melugin, *supra* note 1.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Melugin, *supra* note 2.

⁵ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).

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2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien's entries into the United States.
3. Information regarding the Form I-134A, Online Request to be a Supporter and Declaration of Financial Support, on which Alvarez was listed as a beneficiary, including the I-134A itself, the supporter who filed the I-134A, and information regarding how U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ensured that the supporter continued to fulfill his or her duties pursuant to the Form I-134A requirements.⁶
4. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
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cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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⁶ U.S. Citizenship and Immigr. Services, I-134A, *Online Request to be a Supporter and Declaration of Financial Support*, (“When submitting the Form I-134A the supporter “must establish that [the supporter has] enough income and assets to maintain the intended beneficiary and the rest of [the supporter’s] household.”), <https://www.uscis.gov/i-134a>.

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3017 7th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On March 11, 2024, the Gates County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina "responded to reports of gunfire" at a gas station and subsequently arrested Awet Hagos, a 32-year-old Eritrean national who "entered the U.S. illegally after residing in Haiti and had been living in North Carolina for the last six months."¹ When authorities "attempted to take Hagos into custody, [] he became 'extremely combative[,] [] attempted to disarm a deputy of their firearm," and "fled into his home and led police on a four-hour standoff."² Hagos was "charged with three counts of assault on a government official, three counts of resisting a public officer, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon."³ After the arrest, authorities ran Hagos's fingerprints and "allegedly found that he was on the terrorist watch list."⁴

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¹ Sarah Rumph-Whitten, *Man arrested following North Carolina barricade incident on terror watch list, illegal migrant*, FOX NEWS (Mar. 20, 2024, 11:54 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/man-arrested-following-north-carolina-barricade-incident-terror-watch-list-illegal-migrant>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

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3. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On March 16, 2024, police in O'Fallon, Missouri, arrested Jose Barrera in connection with the brutal stabbing of "his neighbor and the neighbor's brother" at a laundromat.¹ Barrera was charged "with two counts each of first-degree assault and armed criminal action."² Reportedly, before stabbing the victims, Barrera "pulled a pocketknife from his sock," and "started an argument that stemmed from a dispute between the two the day before."³ According to authorities, Barrera "entered the U.S. illegally through Eagle Pass, Texas, in 2021."⁴

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1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien's immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.

¹ Clarissa Cowley, *Man charged with stabbing neighbor and his brother outside laundromat in O'Fallon, Missouri*, 5ONYOURSIDE (Mar. 18, 2024, 8:51 PM), <https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/crime/illegal-immigrant-stabbing-laundromat-ofallon/63-499fca9-cfd8-4943-a5e4-5ef047425fed>.

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