



The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, and Members of the United States Senate:

On behalf of The American Border Story (TABS), and the more than **300 Angel Families** we represent across the country, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Senator Markwayne Mullin to serve as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

TABS is a national organization dedicated to elevating the voices of Angel Families, those who have lost loved ones as a result of crimes committed by individuals who were unlawfully present in the United States. Through storytelling, advocacy, and direct engagement with policymakers, we work to ensure that the human impact of border and immigration policy remains at the forefront of the national conversation.

For the families we represent, border security is not an abstract policy debate. It is a matter of safety, accountability, and preventing other families from experiencing the same loss. This perspective has guided our engagement with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and across all levels of government. In this context, the Department of Homeland Security is operating at a particularly consequential moment.

The Department now faces a complex and evolving set of challenges. Ongoing national debates surrounding the role and authorities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, combined with emerging national security threats tied to global instability, including the current conflict involving Iran, require steady and effective leadership. In parallel, the Department continues to operate within a constrained and uncertain funding environment, with ongoing political disputes over appropriations and resource allocation creating additional pressure on operations and long-term planning.

Senator Mullin has demonstrated a clear understanding of these stakes. Throughout his time in Congress, he has consistently engaged on issues related to border security, public safety, and the operational challenges facing federal and local authorities. Just as importantly, he has shown a willingness to listen directly to impacted families and elevate their concerns in policy discussions.

We believe Senator Mullin would bring to the Department of Homeland Security strong leadership, practical experience, and a clear commitment to protecting American communities.



His background, coupled with his direct engagement on border-related issues, positions him to lead the Department at a time when clarity, accountability, and sustained operational focus are critically needed.

The families we work with are not focused on politics. They are focused on ensuring that no other family has to endure the same tragedy. We believe Senator Mullin understands that responsibility and would approach this role with the seriousness it demands.

For these reasons, TABS respectfully urges the Senate to give full and fair consideration and swift confirmation of Senator Mullin's nomination.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Kiprilov". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Nicole Kiprilov
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The American Border Story (TABS)