

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is obstructing and ignoring Senate oversight of its activities. My office has repeatedly requested data regarding the new policy of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to make “collateral arrests” while conducting immigration raids. Your staff has refused to provide such data to my office. Please provide the data requested in this letter no later than May 7, 2025.

President Trump’s Executive Order 14159 ostensibly focuses immigration enforcement on those “who threaten the safety or security of the American people.”¹ Yet the Administration’s “collateral arrest” policy appears to be so aggressive that entire families suspected of no crime and even U.S. citizens have been detained. These indiscriminate tactics are all the more alarming given the Administration’s denial of lawful due process to subjects of removal actions and its lawless overt defiance of related orders issued by federal judges. It appears to me that it is only a matter of time before a U.S. citizen caught up in a Trump Administration immigration raid winds up removed to Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele’s notorious CECOT.

Please provide responses to the following questions no later than May 7, 2025.

1. How many individuals have been arrested during immigration enforcement actions where they were not the stated target, nationally and in Georgia, in 2025? Please provide data from immigration enforcement actions carried out by all Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice component agencies, including, but not limited to, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Marshals Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
2. For each individual subject to a collateral arrest, please provide the following information (anonymized, as needed, to protect personally identifying information):
 - a. Age
 - b. Nationality
 - c. Length of residence in the U.S.

¹ Exec. Order No. 14159, 90 Fed. Reg. 8443 (Jan. 20, 2025).

- d. Criminal history (please distinguish between crimes committed under Title 8 and Title 18)
 - e. Result or disposition of the arrest
- 3. How many individuals have been brought to an ICE detention facility as a result of a collateral arrest in 2025?
- 4. Of the total number of individuals subject to a collateral arrest in 2025:
 - a. How many have subsequently been released?
 - b. For those released, how many were released on bond? What were the bond amounts?
 - c. How many have subsequently been released, following a determination that they were not removable?
 - d. How long, on average, have these individuals been detained?
 - e. How many have been removed?
 - f. How many have been transferred to third countries or locations beyond the U.S.?
- 5. How many U.S. citizens have been temporarily detained, arrested, or held in DHS custody in 2025?
- 6. Please provide copies of any guidance or training materials disseminated to personnel or individuals contracting or collaborating with ICE concerning whether or not to take action against individuals encountered in the course of a targeted enforcement action.

I further request that DHS make available the requested data available to my office on an ongoing basis. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Ossoff", written in a cursive style.

Jon Ossoff
U.S. Senator

Cc: Tom Homan, Border Czar, White House
Hon. Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, Department of Justice