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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0906

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin,

As you work to secure our nation's borders and immigration system after four years of deliberately reckless open border policies by the Biden-Harris-Mayorkas administration, we write to request an update on the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) progress in fulfilling President Trump's commitment to effectuating the largest mass deportation operation of illegal aliens in our nation's history.¹

As you are likely aware, at least 10 million illegal aliens entered the United States under the Biden administration,² adding to the estimated 11 million to 22 million illegal alien population in the country that existed before the border crisis began,³ worsening economic opportunities, cultural dysfunction, and security concerns for American communities nationwide posed by illegal immigration.

To make matters worse, the Biden administration placed needless restrictions on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that virtually ended enforcement,⁴ allowing large numbers of economic illegal and criminal aliens to remain in the country, likely leading to an increase in the unauthorized alien population. To that end, we respectfully request an update on the number of illegal aliens that have been identified, arrested, deported, and removed from the country's interior since January 20, 2025.

While DHS asserts it conducted more than 605,000 deportations in all of 2025,⁵ some news outlets have claimed the Trump administration has conducted upwards of 230,000 removals across the interior last year.⁶ These conflicting figures could understandably cause confusion on the extent to which the administration has reached its goal of one million deportations for a single calendar year.⁷

However, DHS has not provided an exact accounting of its removal figures in a year and a half – publicly or to Congress - that clearly quantifies deportation data by whether these deported illegal aliens were apprehended at the border or interior, what percentage have criminal backgrounds, and the methodology behind the number of unauthorized aliens that have reportedly repatriated themselves.

Additionally, ICE's Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO)– the entity that oversees the arrest, detention, and removal of illegal aliens - has not updated its public dashboard containing the number of detentions or removals it has conducted since November 2024,⁸ which is typically updated in a timely

¹ <https://www.axios.com/2024/09/13/trump-deportation-immigrants-springfield-ohio-aurora-colorado>
² <https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-sites/repUBLICans-judiciary.house.gov/files/2025-03/2025-03-03-De-Facto-Mass-Amnesty.pdf>
³ <https://thehill.com/latino/407848-yale-mit-study-22-million-not-11-million-undocumented-immigrants-in-us/>
⁴ <https://cis.org/Jacobs/History-Sensitive-Areas-Policies-and-What-Place-Now>
⁵ <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/12/10/thanks-president-trump-and-secretary-noem-more-25-million-illegal-aliens-left-us>
⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2026/01/18/us/trump-deportation-numbers-immigration-crackdown.html>
⁷ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/releases/2025/08/america-first-in-action-deportations-surge-jobs-return-de-gets-tough/>
⁸ <https://www.ice.gov/statistics>

fashion. Further, ICE has yet to release its annual fiscal year report for 2025, which contains details on its enforcement productivity for the preceding year.⁹

While DHS has deployed numerous resources, partnered with other federal and state agencies, and worked around the clock to expand interior enforcement, Congress and the American people should be privy to its immigration enforcement mission and to determine if other policies by the administration or legislation by Congress can advance President Trump's mandate to expel a record number of illegal aliens.

As such, we respectfully request clarity and a detailed accounting of the following questions by June 30, 2026:

- 1) How many illegal aliens have been arrested and formally removed by DHS from the U.S. from January 20, 2025, to present? Please disaggregate by:
 - a. the number apprehended at or near the southern, northern, or maritime border.
 - i. Of those apprehended at a border, how many were returns?
 - ii. How many were Title 8 removals?
 - b. the number apprehended in the interior of the U.S.
 - i. Of those apprehended in the interior, how many were in non-sanctuary jurisdictions?
 - ii. Of those apprehended, how many were at worksite locations compared to incarceration facilities, court houses, residences, etc.?
 - iii. Of those apprehended, how many were through a Memorandum of Agreement with a local law enforcement agency enrolled in the 287(g) program?
 - iv. Please breakdown by which U.S. state or territory these aliens were apprehended at.
- 2) Of the aliens removed from the interior of the U.S. since January 20, 2025, please provide the following data:
 - a. the number of administrative removals (Form I-851).
 - b. the number of expedited removals (Form I-869).
 - c. the number of aliens who had a final order of removal issued by an immigration judge (Form I-205).
 - d. Voluntary removals (Form I-210 with verified departure).
 - i. the number who 'self-deported' through the CBP One mobile application.
 - ii. Please explain the methodology and timeline of the 1.9 illegal alien that have voluntarily self-deported since January 2025.¹⁰
 - e. the number of reinstatements of prior removal orders (Form I-871).
 - f. the number of illegal aliens who crossed a U.S. border without inspection, overstayed a visa, committed immigration fraud, or failed to maintain the conditions of their visa requirements, thereby making them inadmissible.
 - g. the number who had a criminal conviction or pending criminal charge(s) at the time of their immigration removal proceeding.
 - h. the number of those repatriated to third countries.
- 3) Of the aliens removed from the interior of the U.S. since January 20, 2025, please provide the following data:
 - a. the number of aliens who had pending or approved asylum claims.

⁹ <https://www.ice.gov/information-library/annual-report>.

¹⁰ *Ibid.* <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/12/10/thanks-president-trump-and-secretary-noem-more-25-million-illegal-aliens-left-us>.

- b. the number of aliens who had a pending, active, or expired parole status.
 - i. Of those, how many were paroled under the Biden administration through Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela Parole program or otherwise?
 - ii. How many were paroled through the CBP One application?
- c. the number of aliens who had a pending, active, or expired Temporary Protected Status or Deferred Enforced Departure?
- d. the number of aliens who had withholding from removal?

4) How many illegal aliens does DHS currently estimate to be in the United States as of June 2026?

Respectfully,



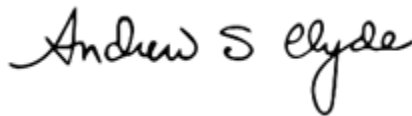
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