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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

The Committee on Homeland Security (Committee) is writing to request information about the policy and processes used by the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) for issuing security clearances to law enforcement partners in the State, Local, Tribal and Territorial (SLTT) community nationwide.

Recently, the Committee has learned that I&A, which has a responsibility for providing SLTT law enforcement access to intelligence products, including some at the classified level, is apparently not issuing an adequate number of security clearances for some SLTT agencies to properly staff posts requiring a security clearance. Specifically, multiple concerns have been raised that DHS as a policy—whether formally or informally—has begun more strictly limiting security clearances to some or all SLTT law enforcement agencies for unknown reasons, which is having a negative effect on their ability to receive and use intelligence critical to their important duties to protect and serve their communities.

To more fully understand I&A's processes and policies for issuing security clearances to SLTT agencies, we request that DHS provide Committee staff a briefing, to include but not limited to, information about I&A's screening and vetting processes for issuing security clearances to SLTT law enforcement partners, no later than August 17, 2023. We also request that DHS provide an annual accounting of how many security clearances were granted and rescinded for major SLTT partners from January 20, 2021, to the present, detailing by department (e.g., Houston Police Department, New York Police Department). Please contact the Committee on Homeland Security Majority staff at (202) 226-8417 with any questions about this request.

Per House Rule X, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy and has special oversight functions of "all Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security."

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Secretary Mayorkas  
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Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Seth Magaziner, Ranking Member,  
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The Honorable Troy Carter, Ranking Member  
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