

## One Hundred Eighteenth Congress Committee on Homeland Security U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

August 22, 2023

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

To assist the Committee on Homeland Security (Committee) with its oversight of the Department of Homeland Security's (Department) Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan (CHNV) parole program, enclosed is a subpoena requiring the production of all outstanding documents and information initially requested in an April 27, 2023 letter from Subcommittee Chairman Dan Bishop, Subcommittee Chairman Clay Higgins, and me, and as reiterated in my August 3, 2023 letter.

As outlined in my August 3 letter, over the course of several months, the Committee made numerous attempts to accommodate the Department's production of the documents and information at issue. The requests from the April 27 letter, however, remain unsatisfied and are now 103 days delinquent with no definitive timeline for production. Most recently, when the Committee offered another telephone meeting to secure a production schedule,<sup>3</sup> the Department ignored the Committee's offer and instead has continued to cast doubt on any definitive timeline for future production.<sup>4</sup> This demonstrated approach to indefinitely protract production necessitates the enclosed subpoena.

The Committee requires the subpoenaed data, documents, and other information to fully evaluate potential legislation to reform the Department's authority and operations. The Department's functions relating to border and port security are directly within the purview of the Committee's legislative and oversight authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter from Hon. Mark Green et al., Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Apr. 27, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Letter from Hon. Mark Green, Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Aug. 3, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> E-mail from H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., Staff, to Dep't of Homeland Sec., Off. of Legis. Aff. (Aug. 17, 2023, 17:00 EDT) (on file with author).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> E-mail from Dep't of Homeland Sec., Off. of Legis. Aff., to H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., Staff (Aug. 18, 2023, 12:50 EDT) (on file with author).

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Per Rule X of the U.S House of Representatives, 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."

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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cc: The Honorable Bennie Thompson, Ranking Member Committee on Homeland Security