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Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joseph V. Cuffari
Inspector General
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, SW
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Inspector General Cuffari:

On June 7, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a redacted report with findings that DHS needs to strengthen its screening and vetting of asylum seekers and noncitizens applying for admission into the United States.¹ The redacted report states, in relevant part:

The Department of Homeland Security's technology, procedures, and coordination were not fully effective to screen and vet non citizens applying for admission into the United States or asylum seekers whose asylum applications were pending for an extended period. Although U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) deployed new technologies to enhance traveler screening, it could not access all Federal data necessary to enable complete screening and vetting of noncitizens seeking admission into the United States. In addition, CBP used varied and sometimes inconsistent inspection procedures for travelers arriving in vehicles at land ports of entry. Finally, CBP does not have the technology to perform biometric matching on travelers arriving in vehicles at land ports of entry.²

To assist the Committee to better understand the OIG's findings and evaluate DHS's handling of this important national security matter, we ask that you please provide the complete unredacted report and case file for *OIG-24-27*, to include all documents, communications, and other evidence related to the report. Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than July 8, 2024.

¹ INSPECTOR GEN., DEP'T OF HOMELAND SEC., *DHS Needs to Improve Its Screening and Vetting of Asylum Seekers and Noncitizens Applying for Admission into the United States (REDACTED)* (June 7, 2024).

² *Id.*

An attachment contains instructions for responding to this request. Please contact the Committee on Homeland Security Majority staff at (202) 226-8417 with any questions about this request.

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.”

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark E Green". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MARK E. GREEN, M.D.
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security

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