



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

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

The Committee on Homeland Security (Committee) is conducting oversight of parole programs administered by the Department of Homeland Security (Department). Congress granted the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (Secretary) authority to grant parole to inadmissible aliens “on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit”¹ Despite clear Congressional intent that parole be used in limited circumstances, from January 2021 to January 2025 the Biden-Harris administration permitted at least 1.5 million otherwise inadmissible aliens to enter the United States through immigration parole programs.²

The Biden-Harris administration abused its limited authority to grant parole to inadmissible aliens en masse through programs like the Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan parole program (CHNV), which allowed inadmissible aliens entry partially on the basis that a “sponsor” agreed to financially support them.³ The Biden-Harris administration went to great lengths to maintain this unconstitutional abuse of the Secretary’s parole authority despite indications that prospective sponsors were financing their income through illegal activities⁴ and

¹ 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)(A).

² Press Release, Dep’t of Homeland Sec., Statement from a DHS Spokesperson on Directives Expanding Law Enforcement and Ending the Abuse of Humanitarian Parole (Jan. 21, 2025) (on file with author) *available at* <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/01/21/statement-dhs-spokesperson-directives-expanding-law-enforcement-and-ending-abuse>.

³ *DHS Implements New Processes for Cubans, Haitians, and Nicaraguans and Eliminates Cap for Venezuelans*, U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGR. SERVICES, <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/dhs-implements-new-processes-for-cubans-haitians-and-nicaraguans-and-eliminates-cap-for-venezuelans> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

⁴ Press Release, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, Welfare recipients, criminals allowed to sponsor illegal immigrants under Biden ‘parole’ program (Nov. 20, 2024).

were engaging in fraud.⁵ Additionally, the Biden-Harris administration established or expanded several other categorical parole programs, such as Operation Allies Welcome,⁶ and reestablished or expanded previously terminated parole programs, such as the Central American Minor program.⁷

Under the Biden-Harris administration, the Department refused to respond to the Committee's basic requests for information regarding parole programs,⁸ even after the Committee issued a subpoena.⁹ The Biden-Harris administration's lack of transparency created challenges to the Committee's ability to determine the full extent of the Biden-Harris administration's use of parole, the fiscal consequences of each individual parole program, and whether the current state of parole requires additional statutory remedies. To aid the Committee in its oversight of the Department's parole programs, please provide the following documents and information soon as possible but no later than 5:00 pm on April 23, 2025:

1. Documents sufficient to show the number of individuals released on parole under section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) from January 21, 2021 through January 20, 2025, categorized by nationality and date;
2. Documents sufficient to show the number of individuals released on parole under section 212(d)(5) of the INA through the following programs from January 21, 2021 through January 20, 2025:
 - a. Uniting for Ukraine;¹⁰
 - b. Operation Allies Welcome;¹¹
 - c. Parole Processes for Venezuelans;¹²
 - d. Parole Processes for Cubans;¹³

⁵ Adam Shaw, *Biden Admin Freezes Controversial Migrant Flight Program After Fraud Revelations*, FOX NEWS, Aug. 2, 2024, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-admin-freezes-controversial-migrant-flight-program-after-fraud-revelations>.

⁶ *Operation Allies Welcome*, Dep't of Homeland Sec., <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/operation-allies-welcome> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

⁷ *Central American Minors (CAM) Program*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigr. Services, <https://www.uscis.gov/CAM> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

⁸ See Letter from Rep. Mark E. Green, M.D., Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Aug. 13, 2024) (on file with author).

⁹ Letter from Rep. Mark E. Green, M.D., Chairman, H. Comm. on Homeland Sec., to Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas, Sec'y, Dep't of Homeland Sec. (Sep. 26, 2023) (on file with author).

¹⁰ See Implementation of the Uniting for Ukraine Parole Processes, 87 Fed. Reg. 25040 (Apr. 27, 2022).

¹¹ See *Operation Allies Welcome*, U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/operation-allies-welcome> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

¹² See Implementation of Parole Processes for Venezuelans, 87 Fed. Reg. 63507 (Oct. 19, 2022) and Implementation of Changes to the Parole Process for Venezuelans, 88 Fed. Reg. 1279 (Jan. 9, 2023).

¹³ See Implementation of a Parole Process for Cubans, 88 Fed. Reg. 1266 (Jan. 9, 2023).

- e. Parole Processes for Nicaraguans;¹⁴
 - f. Parole Processes for Haitians;¹⁵
 - g. Keeping Families Together;¹⁶
 - h. Central American Minors Program;¹⁷
 - i. Parole Plus ATD;¹⁸ and
 - j. CBP One application appointments;¹⁹
3. Documents sufficient to show the immigration status of all individuals released on parole from January 21, 2021 through January 20, 2025 whose parole has since expired;
 4. A copy of the December 22, 2022, Memorandum for the Secretary from the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, titled “Updates to the Parole Process for Certain Venezuelan Nationals,” referenced in Footnote 11 of Volume 88 of the Federal Register page 1279, the “Implementation of Changes to the Parole Process for Venezuelans:”²⁰ and
 5. A document sufficient to list which non-profit organizations submitted either a solo or joint Form I-134A for a beneficiary for the CHNV parole program.

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.”

¹⁴ See Implementation of a Parole Process for Nicaraguans, 88 Fed. Reg. 1255 (Jan. 9, 2023).

¹⁵ See Implementation of a Parole Process for Haitians, 88 Fed. Reg. 1243 (Jan. 9, 2023).

¹⁶ *Keeping Families Together*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigr. Services, <https://www.uscis.gov/keepingfamilies-together> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

¹⁷ See CAM, *supra* note 8.

¹⁸ See generally, U.S. GOV’T ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, GAO-22-105456, CHALLENGERS AND EFFORTS IMPLEMENTING NEW PROCESSES FOR NONCITIZEN FAMILIES (2022).

¹⁹ See, e.g., *Fact Sheet: CBP One Facilitated Over 170,000 Appointments in Six Months, and Continues to be a Safe, Orderly, and Humane Tool for Border Management*, DEP’T OF HOMELAND SEC., <https://www.dhs.gov/archive/news/2023/08/03/fact-sheet-cbp-one-facilitated-over-170000-appointments-six-months-and-continues-be> (last visited Mar. 20, 2025).

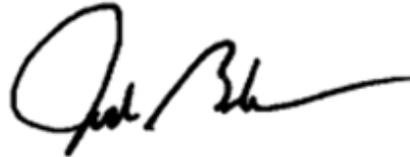
²⁰ 88 Fed. Reg. 1279 (Jan. 9, 2023).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



MARK E. GREEN, M.D.
Chairman



JOSH BRECHEEN
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight,
Investigations, and Accountability



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Chairman
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