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The Honorable Kash Patel
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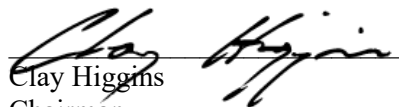
Acting Director Patel,

The Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement (Subcommittee) is investigating leaks of law enforcement sensitive information about complex targeted immigration enforcement actions conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).¹ These actions are intended to apprehend and ultimately remove violent criminal aliens. The leaked plans tipped off dangerous criminals about imminent law enforcement actions, enabling them to evade apprehension and perpetuate the threat they pose to national security and the American public.

Border Czar Tom Homan suspects the leaks came from within the FBI and has warned that the leaks put “lives at risk.”² Further, the leaks enabled left-wing activists to disrupt federal immigration operations.³ During an enforcement action in Denver, activists used megaphones to alert illegal aliens of law enforcement’s presence and urged them not to comply with agents.⁴ The Subcommittee requests a staff-level briefing from ATF to better understand and assist ATF’s mission and address deep state actors leaking law enforcement-sensitive information .

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. To schedule the briefing or to ask any related follow up questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement

cc: The Honorable Summer Lee, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement

¹ James Queally & Brittny Mejia, *Leaked document says ‘large scale’ immigration enforcement action coming soon to L.A.*, L.A. TIMES (Feb. 7, 2025).

² Patrick Reilly, *Border czar Tom Homan accuses FBI of leaking information about ICE raids: ‘Lives at risk’*, N.Y. POST (Feb. 11, 2025).

³ Katie Parkins, et al., *Denver apartment complex targeted by federal authorities Wednesday had been on city’s radar as crime hotspot*, DENVER 7 ABC (Feb. 5, 2025).

⁴ *Id.*