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Secretary Kristi Noem U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

I am writing today to request that you take immediate action to remove and publish a retraction regarding your statement about the arrest and detention of my constituent, Ramon Morales Reyes.

On May 21 after dropping his daughter off at school, Mr. Morales Reyes was wrongfully arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents after federal officials claimed he wrote a letter threatening the life of President Donald Trump. However, the reports indicate, including those from local law enforcement officials, that Mr. Morales Reyes was wrongfully accused of this serious crime and the person framing him and who wrote and sent the letter has been charged with identity theft and felony witness intimidation.

Mr. Morales Reyes' children who are U.S. citizens have received threats due to these false allegations and leaving the statement on the Department of Homeland Security website after it has been determined that he did not write the letter is exacerbating their situation and putting them in danger. I am requesting that you take the statement off your website and make clear his arrest was based on falsified information by the individual Mr. Morales Reyes was set to testify against.

He is set to testify against the man who was charged with stabbing him and robbing him. That same man was recently charged with identity theft and felony witness intimidation for writing the letter threatening President Trump. He wrote the letter in an attempt to have Mr. Morales Reyes deported before he could testify against him in court. Mr. Morales Reyes is already a victim of a crime, and it is devastating to know that he has been victimized again.

Please note, Mr. Morales Reyes has an application for a U-Visa pending with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. As you know, the U-Visa provides temporary legal status and a pathway to permanent residency to victims of crimes who have helped law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of a crime.

As a result of his arrest by ICE, Mr. Morales Reyes is scheduled to appear in front of an immigration judge for his court hearing and for a bond hearing on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025. Mr. Morales Reyes is an upstanding resident of Milwaukee and deserves due process. Mr. Morales Reyes is not dangerous nor considered a flight risk. He is a hardworking family man committed to the City of Milwaukee where he has lived for the past twenty years. Please allow him to post bond so that he can return home to his family

I am asking you to take immediate action to remove the statement regarding Mr. Morales Reyes and provide an immediate correction of the record on your social media as well as the Department of Homeland Security website.

Thank you for your attention to my request. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (414) 297-1140.

Sincerely,

MEMBER of CONGRESS

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