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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Noem,

The fatal shooting of Renee Nicole Good in Minneapolis on January 7 by ICE agent Jonathan Ross is tragic proof that the Trump administration's immigration policy has totally failed our country and is increasing danger for Minnesotans and all Americans. I demand that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) cease all operations in Minnesota immediately to allow local law enforcement officials to return to protecting our community from further violence and conduct a full and transparent investigation into ICE's actions and conduct which caused this horrific shooting.

My constituents are deeply troubled, and many are fearful of the dramatic chaos and unrest being stoked as a direct result of the Trump administration's tactics of ordering more than 2,000 ICE and DHS agents to Minnesota to racially profile and arrest people in their homes, their workplaces, their schools, and on our streets. The outrageous and unprofessional behavior exhibited by ICE and other federal immigration agencies is not only making our neighborhoods, our cities, and our state more dangerous for everyone, it is making it more difficult for local law enforcement to conduct their daily work to protect and serve our community. Our children have a right to be safe at school, at home, and in our community. As parents and adults, it is our solemn responsibility to protect our children and our neighbors from violence. It is unconscionable this now includes violence perpetrated by our own government.

Additionally, since December, I have been contacted by constituents and public officials who are deeply concerned about reports in the Washington Post and other publications that ICE is actively soliciting warehouse space to hold as many as 1500 detainees in Woodbury, Minnesota, located in my congressional district, and other communities across the country¹. Inquiries made to DHS/ICE by local officials have gone unanswered as they seek answers to their many questions about these reported plans.

¹ Douglas MacMillan, and Jonathan O'Connell, "ICE plans to hold 80,000 immigrants in warehouses," *Washington Post*, December, 24, 2025, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2025/12/24/ice-immigrants-detention-warehouses-deportation-trump/>.

According to comments by ICE acting director Todd M. Lyons at a border conference in April, the Trump administration's goal is to deport immigrants like Amazon moves packages: "Like Prime, but with human beings²." Not only is this plan dehumanizing, it fails to account for the fact that structures designed for storage and shipping are not fit for human habitation, because they lack adequate ventilation and temperature controls. Further, warehouses do not have adequate plumbing and sanitation systems necessary to accommodate thousands of detainees around the clock. These factors pose significant threats to public health of this community as well as the health of detainees. Additionally, imposing such an ICE facility on our community, particularly without any local coordination or input would only make our community less safe and divert scarce resources from our local law enforcement agencies that are needed for public safety. I specifically request that your office provides detailed responses to my office to the following information below by January 30, 2026:

- Is DHS/ICE seeking to acquire a warehouse in Woodbury, Minnesota for the purpose of holding up to 1500 detainees?
- What is the address of this facility?
- Who is the DHS/ICE point of contact for local officials and residents who have questions and concerns about this planned facility?
- What state and local officials have DHS/ICE contacted about this facility? (provide full documentation of meetings and communication)
- What state and local authorities have DHS/ICE coordinated with to ensure state and local laws are followed regarding this facility? (provide full documentation of meetings and communication)
- What state and local agencies have DHS/ICE coordinated with to ensure local infrastructure is capable of handling a facility of this magnitude? (provide full documentation of meetings and communication)
- Provide documentation that proposed facility meets all federal, state, and local public health-sanitation standards.
- What is the planned duration of use of this facility?
- What is the estimated total cost and space capacity for this facility?
- Has the federal government, or an entity acting on behalf of the federal government, entered into a non-disclosure agreement regarding purchasing or leasing property in Woodbury?
- Has the federal government, or an entity acting on behalf of the federal government, executed any real estate transaction documents in Woodbury?

² Jerod Macdonald-Evoy, "ICE director envisions Amazon-like mass deportation system: 'Prime, but with human beings,'" *AZ Mirror*, April 8, 2025, <https://azmirror.com/2025/04/08/ice-director-envisions-amazon-like-mass-deportation-system-prime-but-with-human-beings/>.

I look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty McCollum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress