

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons,

We write to express our concern regarding your agency's obstruction of Congress's legal authority to conduct oversight at the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center.

On June 8, 2025, we attempted to exercise our legal authority<sup>1</sup> as Members of Congress to conduct oversight of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) facilities by visiting the Adelanto ICE Processing Center following immigration raids throughout Los Angeles County. The Department of Homeland Security is prohibited by Congress from preventing Members of Congress and their staff from entering, for the purposes of conducting oversight, any detention facility. However, upon our arrival, we witnessed employees lock the front gate in order to bar us from entering the facility. Despite waiting there for nearly two hours, we were never permitted to enter. This denial of entry was unlawful as it defied the express ability for Members of Congress to access DHS facilities without prior notice.

In fact, during a House Appropriations Committee hearing on May 14, 2025<sup>2</sup>, Acting Director Lyons explicitly acknowledged the ability for Members of Congress to conduct this oversight when you stated that, "We do acknowledge that any Member of Congress has the right to show up for an inspection at one of our facilities in their oversight capability."

Not only did employees at the Adelanto facility obstruct this oversight capability, but DHS and ICE officials also failed to respond to our repeated attempts to make contact, further impeding our ability to conduct congressional oversight.

We therefore request answers to the following questions by June 16, 2025:

1. What is DHS's justification for denying Members of Congress entry to conduct oversight at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center on June 8, 2025?
2. Why was a DHS or ICE representative unavailable to respond to in-person, phone, and email communication from Members of Congress seeking to gain access to the facility?
  - a. Please provide a point of contact for the Adelanto ICE Processing Center that can be reached outside of normal business hours.
3. How many detainees are currently held at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center?

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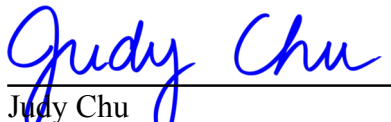
<sup>1</sup> [P.L. 118-47](#)

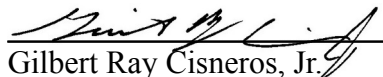
<sup>2</sup> [ICE head recognizes Congress' role in visiting detention facilities | AP News](#)


- a. How many new detainees have arrived at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center since June 6, 2025?
- b. Since June 6, 2025, have any detainees filed official complaints regarding their treatment within the Adelanto ICE Processing Center? If so, please share all official complaints and any action or steps taken to mitigate each legitimate complaint.
- c. Have all detainees currently at Adelanto been given the opportunity to meet with an attorney and has there been any language access at any point during their processing?
- d. Since January 20, 2025, how many detainees who were at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center have been deported?

We thank you for your attention to this important manner.

Sincerely,

  
Judy Chu  
Member of Congress

  
Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr.  
Member of Congress

  
Derek T. Tran  
Member of Congress