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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
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Secretary Noem,

I request information on the current usage and future plans for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) leased facility located at 6319 and 6321 Alondra Boulevard in the City of Paramount, California. The DHS facility has been a flashpoint in our community as it has seen increased activity associated with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enforcement operations along with the ongoing presence of National Guardsman and United States Marines. The City of Paramount and the DHS facility are both located within California's 44th Congressional District, the District I represent in the United States House of Representatives.

My understanding is that this facility was meant to support United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations at the nearby San Pedro Bay Ports Complex that includes both the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (Ports Complex). Our communities in and around the Harbor Area have many residents who work at the Ports Complex or in jobs that support activities at the Ports Complex. Our communities appreciate and understand the role that CBP plays in the safe, efficient, and effective movement of goods in and out the Ports Complex. We support CBP personnel and the use of this facility in furtherance of this specific mission.

However, this DHS facility has seen a recent visible uptick in activity and actions that have raised the anxiety of many of my constituents in and around Paramount. The City of Paramount, and many residents, have expressed deep unease and growing concern about the facility's presence and purpose, particularly in light of increased immigration enforcement activities across the region. The uncertainty surrounding the current operations at this site have created a climate of fear, especially among immigrant and mixed-status families. This anxiety is not only disrupting daily life but also undermining the community's sense of safety and trust in local institutions.

While it is unclear how this facility is currently being used, I strongly oppose any current or future use of this facility for detention purposes or to further facilitate, aid, or support ICE enforcement operations. Such use would be incompatible with the character of my District, including the City of Paramount, and detrimental to the trust and safety of residents throughout the 44th Congressional District.

I request the following information from DHS about the current and future use of this facility:

- A detailed explanation of the facility's current operations and scope of use;
- A detailed explanation of the facility's future operations and scope of use;
- A detailed explanation of any future plans, or preliminary discussions, for expansion or modification of activities at facility; and
- The date of expiration for DHS's current lease on the property.

If you are unable to provide any of this information in a written response due to the classified nature of the information – I can be briefed in a classified setting.

Sincerely,



Nanette Barragán
Member of Congress