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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On June 14, 2024, police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrested Victor Antonio Martinez-Hernandez, a 23-year-old illegal alien from El Salvador, for the brutal assault and murder of Rachel Morin, a mother of five from Maryland, in August 2023.¹ According to press reports, Martinez-Hernandez “illegally crossed into the United States in February 2023[,]” just one month after murdering a woman in El Salvador.² Martinez-Hernandez, who “has ties to international gang MS-13,”³ then “brutally attacked a nine-year-old girl and her mother during a home invasion in March of 2023 in Los Angeles,” California.⁴ Five months later, he allegedly assaulted and murdered Morin on a pedestrian trail in Bel Air, Maryland.⁵ Tragically, as Harford County, Maryland Sheriff Jeff Gahler noted, “this is the second time in [just] two years that an innocent Harford County woman has lost her life to a criminal in our country illegally.”⁶ In July 2022, Kayla Hamilton was allegedly assaulted and murdered by a 17-year-old illegal alien who was released into the U.S. by the Biden Administration.⁷ As the Sheriff put it, “American citizens are not safe because of failed immigration policies.”⁸

¹ Sarah Rumpf-Whitten, *Rachel Morin murder: Illegal immigrant from El Salvador charged in rape, killing of Maryland mom of 5*, FOX NEWS (June 15, 2024, 5:47 PM), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/rachel-morin-murder-illegal-immigrant-from-el-salvador-charged-rape-killing-maryland-mom-5>.

² *Id.*

³ Matt Delaney, *Victor Antonio Martinez Hernandez, with MS-13 ties, charged in killing of Maryland mom Rachel Morin*, WASH. TIMES (June 16, 2024), <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2024/jun/16/victor-antonio-martinez-hernandez-ms-13-ties-charg/>.

⁴ Rumpf-Whitten, *supra* note 1.

⁵ Katherine Donlevy, *Rachel Morin murder: Illegal immigrant from El Salvador charged in rape, killing of Maryland mom-of-5*, N.Y. POST (June 15, 2024, 6:54 PM), <https://nypost.com/2024/06/15/us-news/rachel-morin-murder-illegal-immigrant-from-el-salvador-charged-in-rape-killing-of-maryland-mom-of-5/>.

⁶ Rumpf-Whitten, *supra* note 1.

⁷ H. Comm. on the Judiciary, Interim Staff Rep., *New Information and Testimony from Biden Administration Officials Reveal Disregard for Potential Gang Affiliation of UACs* (June 17, 2024).

⁸ Delaney, *supra* note 3.

Criminal aliens exploit vulnerabilities in our nation's immigration system to the detriment of those in the United States. The Biden Administration's border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁹ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding Victor Antonio Martinez-Hernandez:

1. Case history information, including, but not limited to, the alien's immigration history, immigration benefits applications, the alien file (A-file) or consular file (including all consular notes), and immigration detention status and history.
2. Information regarding the time, date, and place of any and all of the alien's entries into the United States.
3. Information regarding the alien's processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, including whether CBP officials were alerted to derogatory information about the alien and what questions were asked of the alien during the screening process.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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⁹ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).