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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On January 15, 2023, the police department in Aberdeen, Maryland, arrested [REDACTED], a 17-year-old illegal alien and known MS-13 gang member from El Salvador for the violent assault and murder of 20-year-old Maryland resident Kayla Hamilton.¹ Press reports indicate that [REDACTED] entered the United States in March 2022 in Rio Grande City, Texas, and “identified as an unaccompanied minor.”²

Criminal aliens and gang members exploit the U.S. immigration system to harm Americans. The Biden Administration’s border and immigration policies only increase the likelihood that those criminal aliens will successfully enter and remain in the U.S. To assist us with our continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, please provide the following materials regarding [REDACTED], the reported MS-13 gang member who is charged with murdering Kayla Hamilton:

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.

¹ Jeff Hager & Ryan Dickstein, *Police: Teen gang member charged in strangling death of Aberdeen woman with autism*, WMAR (Jan. 19, 2023), <https://www.wmar2news.com/news/local-news/police-teen-gang-member-charged-in-strangling-death-of-aberdeen-woman-with-autism>; Emma Colton, *MS-13 gang member arrested for murder of 20-year-old Maryland woman with autism*, FOX NEWS (Jan. 21, 2023), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/ms-13-gang-member-arrested-murder-20-year-old-maryland-woman-autism>.

² Anna Giaritelli, *‘He Should Have Never Been Allowed In’: Mother Demands Border Fix After Daughters Murder by Suspected MS-13 Immigrant*, WASH. EXAMINER (Feb. 1, 2023), <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/he-should-have-never-been-allowed-in-mother-demands-border-fix-after-daughter-s-murder-by-suspected-ms-13-immigrant/ar-AA16ZBzb?li=BBnbcA1>.

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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 March 13, 2023.

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
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