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WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

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COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:01 p.m., Room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Clay Higgins, [Chairman of the Subcommittee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Higgins, Biggs, Mace, Perry, Jack, Lee, Garcia, Bell, Simon, and Pressley.

Mr. HIGGINS. The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement has convened. We welcome our witness today, Mr. Joe Cuffari.

OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN CLAY HIGGINS REPRESENTATIVE FROM LOUISIANA

Mr. HIGGINS. Today, the Subcommittee convenes to hear the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security regarding his office's alarming report detailing the Department's and the Department of Health and Human Services failures to properly track, process, and safeguard nearly 448,000 unaccompanied alien children who entered the United States illegally over the last four years. The Biden Administration's open border policies led to severe ramifications in which unaccompanied alien children were destined to be trafficked and exploited.

President Trump has taken decisive action to close our southern border, virtually eliminating the flood of illegal immigrants entering our country. The executive has taken action, and now it is up to us, the sitting Members of Congress, to conduct essential oversight and codify security of our border that cannot be exploited by future administrations.

Yet, the ramifications of the past four years continue to unfold with lasting consequences and impact on hundreds of thousands of young lives. The failures of the previous Administration led to unaccompanied children who have been lost in the system, the system that was established to protect them and to protect the citizens of our country.

I have been meeting with Inspector General Cuffari for years, and I have always been incensed at the failures and the prior Ad-

ministration's attitude toward ignoring the responsibility to track and properly process tender age illegal unaccompanied minors. We are talking about children of God that have been waived into our country for 14 years and younger and improperly processed into virtually unvetted sponsors destined to be trafficked into some horror.

The findings of the report we are going to discuss today are a double-edged sword. While some vulnerable children have likely been trafficked, exploited, and subjected to forced labor, the report also found that older teens had been in some cases convicted of crimes in their country of origin and were gang members.

While the hardworking men and women of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) may want to do their best, the sheer volume of cases enabled the prior Administration's open border policies to simply overwhelm the system. The Inspector General's report states that, as of September 2024, ICE has just over 1,000 staff to monitor over 7.5 million non-detained cases. It is literally impossible for ICE, with a 1,000 member staff, to personally interact with these millions of tender age illegal unaccompanied minors. The Inspector General shared with my staff that almost 300,000 kids have unserved notices to appear for their court date. Of that number, 58,000 are aged twelve and under. I say again for Americans listening, 300,000 kids have failed to appear for court, 58,000 are twelve and under. We have no idea in many cases where those kids are. We are going to talk about that today with IG Cuffari.

I am glad that ICE under the Trump Administration has accepted all of the IG's recommendations contained in their report. Inspector General Cuffari is an honorable man, and I know him personally to be incredibly focused on identifying, locating, and rescuing these children. I look forward to his testimony as we continue to examine this issue to ensure these children are properly identified, cared for, and protected.

I recognize my colleague, Ms. Lee, the Ranking Member, for 5 minutes or the time she may consume for her opening statement.

OPENING STATEMENT OF RANKING MEMBER SUMMER LEE REPRESENTATIVE FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Ms. LEE. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Over the last six months, President Trump, Kristi Noem, and Stephen Miller have unleashed a brutal, reckless, and lawless regime that targets innocent members of our communities, parents dropping off their kids at the school or attending church, legal immigrants who have been welcome in this country for decades, international students, and even children who are U.S. citizens. They are behaving without humanity, justice, or decency.

Children are increasingly the target of President Trump's anti-immigrant crusades. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has failed to be transparent and publish any data since January. But looking at the court cases has shown that children have been increasingly and disproportionately marked for deportation by Donald Trump. Over 53,000 children have been ordered for deportation since the start of this Administration. These are mostly elementary school kids or younger. How often the court cases end in deportations has also climbed under Trump, especially for kids. Over 75

percent of children eleven or younger are now being ordered for deportation as a result of their immigration court proceedings. Are these little kids the dangerous criminals Trump vowed to go after?

President Trump is also kidnapping and illegally removing U.S. citizens, including multiple children with cancer. We are talking about unprecedented actions without due process against U.S. citizens. The Trump Administration removed one 10-year-old girl, a U.S. citizen, who was recovering from brain cancer with her parents, even though she needed medical care. Another 4-year-old boy was illegally removed, also a U.S. citizen, with a rare form of cancer. The judge in that case said the Trump Administration had “just deported a U.S. citizen with no meaningful process.”

Over 500 immigrant children have been removed from their families and homes and thrown into government custody. Let us call this what it is. Just like his first time as President, Donald Trump and Stephen Miller are separating kids from their parents. It is unconscionable.

And as the Trump Administration detains more human beings, detention facilities are becoming even more overcrowded and dangerous. The conditions that children and innocent people are being held have been called unsanitary and inhumane. The government has some bare minimum standards in place for children in government custody, but Trump has attempted to roll those protections back or simply violated them, all while denying Members of Congress their lawful ability to conduct oversight at these facilities.

Republicans are complicit in this. And increasingly, children are being held in ICE facilities like Alligator Alcatraz or newly reopened family detention centers like the one in Dilley, Texas. This Administration is using every resource at its disposal to target innocent people for kidnapping and disappearance. And we call it that because a deportation implies that you have gone through some process, implies that you are following some standard that is set in U.S. law, particularly due process.

We know that this Administration is even using data collected to identify sponsors for unaccompanied children to target those same sponsors, often the parents or other family members for deportation, putting the very people who are able to help these kids who are in danger.

These are unspeakable injustices that demand oversight, and we have a witness here today who bears the responsibility of conducting such oversight. Mr. Cuffari is the Inspector General who is supposed to be rooting out misconduct at the Department of Homeland Security. Instead, he is working with Republicans to twist the facts so people ignore the cages and the kids with cancer and other despicable actions.

He himself is guilty of committing serious misconduct against the American people. This included spending taxpayer money, retaliating against whistleblowers who called him out for delaying a report about Donald Trump actually losing children—this was when Trump’s first Administration separated immigrant kids from their parents and then failed to keep track of them. As many as 1,360 of those kids were never reunited with their parents. Inspector General Cuffari has made clear that he is interested in protecting Donald Trump, not lost children, and that he has no problem lying

to Congress to further his goals. On this issue he has absolutely zero credibility.

So, when the Trump Administration creates a culture of terror in which children are afraid to go to school or children are afraid to speak to authorities for fear that they or someone they love will be snatched and deported, children suffer. These policies leave children at greater risk of trafficking and exploitation.

I expect my Republican colleagues to care about this because their constituents certainly care about child sex trafficking, whether it is through the immigration system like this hearing alleges or by a U.S. citizen facilitating other powerful U.S. citizens. It is time for them to prove it. Right now, Speaker Johnson is helping Donald Trump block the release of all the files relating to child sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein.

If you want to take a stand against child trafficking, let us do it together. When powerful people exploit children, they must be held accountable for their actions. And if they try to mislead the public and hide evidence, we cannot let them get away with it. So, we cannot allow individuals, especially those at the highest level of our government, to protect child sex traffickers.

So, today, that is why I will be offering a motion to subpoena the Department of Justice to release the Epstein files. Numerous members of this Committee and this Subcommittee have called for answers and transparency, so let us do something about it. Rep. Biggs has said, "We want to get to the bottom of it." Rep. Mace has stated, "I believe we need answers on Epstein. If 1,000 kids were trafficked, how is there only one accomplice?" Rep. Perry has written to Pam Bondi on Epstein saying, "The American people deserve answers and justice, particularly in matters involving grave allegations of criminality and misconduct by influential figures." Rep. Boebert said, "We deserve the truth about the Epstein files."

Yesterday, our Government Operations Subcommittee approved the motion directing Chairman Comer to subpoena Ghislaine Maxwell to appear for a deposition before this Committee. But Ms. Maxwell is currently serving a 20-year Federal prison sentence for her role in sex-trafficking children with Jeffrey Epstein. She could have a motivation to protect powerful people to get a lighter sentence. We need the actual Epstein files to get the full truth. So, I hope my Republican colleagues will join me in supporting a motion to subpoena the Department of Justice to release the Epstein files.

With that, pursuant to clause 2(k)(6) of House Rule XI, I move that the Subcommittee issue a subpoena to the Department of Justice for the full, complete, unredacted Epstein files to be delivered concurrently to the Majority and Minority of the Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement of the Committee of the Oversight and Government Reform.

Mr. HIGGINS. The Ranking Member has introduced a motion. The Committee will hold this motion in abeyance until the end of today's hearing.

The Committee will now proceed with today's hearing.

I thank the honorable Joe Cuffari for joining us today. Let me introduce him.

Before I introduce Mr. Cuffari, for the record, without objection, Representative Crane of Arizona is waived onto the Subcommittee

for the purpose of questioning the witnesses at today's Subcommittee hearing. Without objection.

Introducing our witness today, Joseph V. Cuffari was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Department of Homeland Security Inspector General on July 25, 2019. Dr. Cuffari previously served as a policy advisor for military and veterans affairs for Governor Doug Ducey of Arizona and previously for Governor Jan Brewer. He served more than 40 years in the United States Air Force on active duty in the Reserves and in the Arizona National Guard. He began his military service after graduating from high school and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1977.

He served in a variety of leadership positions with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, as well as with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. He was a commander in the Air Force Office of Inspector Commanders with MacDill Air Force Base in Florida; England Air Force Base, Louisiana; Naples, Italy; and with North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In 1989, he received the AFOSI Outstanding Officer of the Year Award.

He also served for more than 20 years in the Department of Justice in a multitude of roles dating back to 1993. In 2013, he retired from his position as Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Office of the Inspector General in Tucson, Arizona. In other capacities, he has augmented the U.S. Senate and the House Intelligence Committee and the DOJ Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development.

Dr. Cuffari earned a Ph.D. in management in 2002, an MA in management in 1995, and a bachelor of science in business administration and management information systems in 1984. And today, he sits before us. I welcome Inspector General Cuffari to testify before us today.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 9(g), the witness will please stand and raise his right hand.

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. Let the record show that the witness answered in the affirmative.

Thank you. You may take your seat, Inspector General Cuffari.

I recognize the Inspector General for 5 minutes to summarize his opening statement.

**STATEMENT OF JOSEPH CUFFARI, INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Mr. CUFFARI. Thank you, Chairman Higgins, Ranking Member Lee, and Ranking Member Garcia. Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for inviting me here today to discuss my office's recent audit report entitled "ICE Cannot Effectively Monitor the Location and Status of All Unaccompanied Alien Children After Federal Custody."

DHS plays a critical role in administering and enforcing our national immigration laws. Among the most vulnerable populations DHS encounters are unaccompanied alien children referred to as

UACs. A UAC is a person as to whom they entered the country and were encountered by DHS they have no lawful immigration status in the United States. They have not attained 18 years of age and has no parent or legal guardian in the country available to provide care and physical custody.

Each year, thousands of UACs have entered the United States and are placed into Federal custody. The Federal Government has a responsibility not just for enforcing immigration laws, but for ensuring the safety and welfare of these at-risk children. While ICE's immigration enforcement priorities typically weigh the risk an alien poses to the public, but with UACs, the agency must also ensure a vulnerable child does not become the victim of trafficking or otherwise exploitation.

Our audit revealed significant gaps in how ICE monitors and manages the cases of UACs once they are released from Federal custody. The lack of reliable location data, persistent delays in issuing notices to appear, and limited interagency cooperation has led to potentially tens of thousands of children effectively disappearing from DHS's oversight. This is not simply an administrative or paperwork shortcoming. It is a systemic breakdown that carries real risk to the children themselves, to the integrity of the immigration system, and to the public trust in our immigration system and law enforcement institutions.

In 2023, my office initiated this audit after two key events. The first was a change in a 2021 memorandum of agreement between DHS and the Department of Health and Human Services. Specifically, the parties removed the requirement for HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide ICE with biographic and biometric information and all potential sponsors and adult members of that household, which were then used for vetting. The second was significant media reporting involving UACs, which were potentially in dangerous conditions following their placement into a sponsor's care by HHS.

Early into the audit, it became clear that the uncertainty surrounding the whereabouts of such a large number of UACs warranted a management alert to flag this matter for the Department of Homeland Security, as well as Congress, and we issued that in August 2024.

In our final report, which was published in March of this year, my team found that between fiscal years 2019 and 2023, ICE did not effectively monitor the location and status of all UACs once released or transferred to HHS custody. In that time, ICE transferred more than 448,000 UACs to HHS, most of whom were released as sponsors. Of that population, ICE did not issue more than 233,000 notices to appear to the UACs to generate an assignment in their immigration court. Our auditors discovered that more than 31,000 releases' addresses of sponsors were blank, undeliverable, or missing apartment numbers. We also learned more than 43,000 UACs who were served with notices to appear, failed to actually appear for their scheduled court date.

As I stated at the beginning of my testimony, ICE's posture for monitoring UACs was insufficient. The shortcomings leave children vulnerable to exploitation, trafficking, forced labor, or involvement in criminal activities. Without sustained data-sharing coordination

at the Federal level and staffing and overall policy guidance to DHS, they will not be able to guarantee that UACs are safeguarded from harm while in the United States. We made six recommendations to improve ICE's monitoring, all of which they accepted.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I look forward to answering your questions.

Mr. HIGGINS. Thank you, Dr. Cuffari, for being here. I recognize myself for 5 minutes for questioning.

Inspector General Cuffari, I would like to clarify for the record that you and I have been working together since 2019 pretty closely, have we not?

Mr. CUFFARI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HIGGINS. We have had many, many telephone conversations. And back during the horrible COVID era, we had virtual meetings, and we have had many personal meetings, have we not, good sir?

Mr. CUFFARI. Yes, sir.

Mr. HIGGINS. All right. So, let me clarify for the American people watching that in all of my interactions with the Federal Government—I have had hundreds and hundreds of interactions with men and women that were embedded and serving within the executive branch. It is a very small handful of those individuals that I came to understand and know I could have absolute confidence in, and at the top of that list is Joe Cuffari. He was always accessible and honest and candid, yet careful to protect the integrity of his office because, through the years, I asked him some very challenging questions, and Joe Cuffari was squared away.

He is here today, no doubt he is going to face some kind of fire, but I am telling America, and Americans can tell when a man is telling them the truth. Joe Cuffari is squared away, and he is an honest and dedicated man.

So, when I ask you, Inspector General Cuffari, are you personally invested in helping the Federal Government identify, locate, and rescue these scores of thousands, hundreds of thousands of missing tender age children in our country?

Mr. CUFFARI. I am, both as an adult father, as well as a grandfather.

Mr. HIGGINS. And will you share with the Committee what that progress looks like regarding, say, the 200,000 young teenagers that have been identified and how the 50,000 of those were chosen to go after? Will you explain that process to us?

Mr. CUFFARI. Chairman, from what we received in a briefing from ICE, they have formed a team of ICE agents, HSI, Homeland Security investigators, plus the—

Mr. HIGGINS. Pardon me, but that team is under the Trump Administration?

Mr. CUFFARI. Yes, sir, it was formed—

Mr. HIGGINS. Okay. Continue, please.

Mr. CUFFARI. It was formed in February of this year—

Mr. HIGGINS. Thank you.

Mr. CUFFARI [continuing]. 2025, by Secretary Noem. She designated this unit to go out and identify, locate, and provide health and welfare checks on unaccompanied alien children who had been transferred from DHS custody to HHS. So, a necessary component

of that was for ICE and HHS to work together, which we understand they are.

They are also working with other Federal law enforcement agencies like the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service to go out, and they are selecting a group of 200,000, round numbers, of unaccompanied alien children. They have gone to around 50,000 homes.

Mr. HIGGINS. And how has that subset—with 50,000 doors knocked on—identified and knocked on? How was that 50,000 subset targeted out of the 200,000 initial selection?

Mr. CUFFARI. Those were identified by HHS as households where a sponsor had two or more unaccompanied alien children designated to that address.

Mr. HIGGINS. So, listen to that, America. They identified easily 200,000 kids that were at risk, had disappeared into the system. Of those under the Trump Administration, they have identified 50,000. Why? Because the 50,000 had multiple—sponsors had multiple kids coming to the same address. So, out of those 50,000, what happened, Joe?

Mr. CUFFARI. They were able to, from what we understand, they were able to identify and physically locate 12,000 unaccompanied alien children.

Mr. HIGGINS. And how many sponsors were arrested?

Mr. CUFFARI. The number that we were given is about 400.

Mr. HIGGINS. About 400. You see where this is going, America?

Mr. Cuffari, thank you for your testimony. Unfortunately, my time has expired, and I am happy to recognize the Ranking Member, Ms. Lee, for 5 minutes for questioning.

Ms. LEE. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

An appreciation of the hearing that we are having today about such an important topic as child sexual-trafficking and sexual abuse,—I look forward to our colleagues joining us, of course, in releasing the Epstein files and putting their money where their mouth is.

In the meantime, I want to say that children, especially unaccompanied ones entering this country alone and scared, deserve our utmost attention and oversight. In normal times, inspectors general act as the first line of defense, ensuring that agencies follow the law and act in the public interest. They are fiercely independent, or they should be fiercely independent. They serve no Democratic or Republican administration, and Presidents are careful not to interfere with their work.

But these are not normal times. And the Trump Administration has now unlawfully fired or demoted 20 inspectors general across the government. Oddly enough, though, I noticed that he left you in place. Inspector General Cuffari, that strikes me as a bit suspicious, given that this past October, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency released a 1,002-page report from its Integrity Committee on your repeated and well-documented misconduct. These are the inspectors of the inspectors general. Based on the findings of this report, which included recommending discipline up to and including your removal from office, I have a lot of questions about whether we can trust you to conduct independent oversight.

Inspector General Cuffari, yes or no, do you agree that it is important for inspectors general to tell Congress the truth?

Mr. CUFFARI. Absolutely.

Ms. LEE. Thank you. Yes or no, are you aware this report by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency found you “engaged in conduct undermining the independence of integrity reasonably expected of your position”?

Mr. CUFFARI. I understand that is what they wrote.

Ms. LEE. So, yes. Thank you. Yes or no, are you aware this report found you expended nearly \$1.4 million in taxpayers’ funds to hire a private law firm to investigate three former senior members of your staff, most likely for your “personal interest and in order to retaliate” against them?

Mr. CUFFARI. Not for my personal interest, Ranking Member.

Ms. LEE. Are you aware that they found that in their report?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is what they wrote.

Ms. LEE. So, yes, you are. Thank you. Yes or no, are you aware this report found that the Federal Government had to spend an additional \$1.17 million in taxpayer money to settle the resulting retaliation case? Yes or no?

Mr. CUFFARI. No.

Ms. LEE. You are not aware. Well, I am happy to have made you aware. Thank you.

Are you aware this report concluded that you “abused your authority” in the exercise of your official duties and engaged in “a gross waste of taxpayer funds”? Yes or no?

Mr. CUFFARI. Just so I can clarify the issue, the question that you raised, that was an MSPB, Merit Systems Promotion Board, hearing that we made a settlement with a litigant.

Ms. LEE. So, you are aware of the—you are going back to the \$1.17 million in taxpayer dollars that you were indeed aware of?

Mr. CUFFARI. Correct.

Ms. LEE. Thank you. Yes or no, are you aware that the Integrity Committee found three additional issues worth investigating, but they chose to move forward because they had enough evidence to recommend your removal?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is what they wrote.

Ms. LEE. So, yes. The inspectors general oversight body has already determined that this man has repeatedly lied to Congress, but today, we are supposed to trust him as an independent, objective, and forthcoming witness. This is a fox guarding the hen house.

Children, especially unaccompanied immigrant children, need our help. They need someone who can speak truth to power and look out for them. Unfortunately, Inspector General Cuffari is not that person, and we are left to wonder if there is any real oversight going on at the Department of Homeland Security.

According to DHS employees—and they have rushed to round up as many people as possible—they have abandoned other critical duties like fighting drug-trafficking, human-trafficking, and child exploitation. How is that good for children? How is that good for this country? In a time when mass ICE agents patrol the streets snatching up anyone they think looks like an undocumented immigrant, and when Americans’ private data is being seized for un-

precedented surveillance, we desperately need oversight. Instead, we have a corrupt and incompetent inspector general at DHS.

I yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentlelady yields.

The gentleman is recognized. Mr. Biggs seeks recognition.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I ask unanimous consent to enter the following documents into the record related to a smear campaign of Mr. Cuffari's character and career, which we just heard from the other side.

I will say that I do trust Mr. Cuffari. I have read his report, and he is very interested in saving and protecting victims of human-trafficking.

So, the first one, Mr. Chairman, is this: an email from the Council on Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency Assistant Counsel Bryce Harrison confirming that Mr. Cuffari is not under investigation by CIGIE.

A letter from former Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz thanking Mr. Cuffari for his excellent service to the DOJ IG's office.

An email from IG Horowitz again thanking Mr. Cuffari for his outstanding contributions to the DOJ IG office.

A letter signed by the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Homeland Security Committees congratulating Mr. Cuffari on his unanimous confirmation and calling on him to take decisive action to turn around a dysfunctional and demoralized IG office.

Number five, Mr. Cuffari's performance report praising him as an exemplary airman and noting his mentoring of future leaders and the inventor of smart approaches to a critical review of sexual assault.

Number six, Mr. Cuffari's personnel action report confirming voluntary retirement from DOJ IG refuting reports of his firing.

What I cannot enter into the record is any actions taken by the Biden Administration against Mr. Cuffari related to a CIGIE complaint because, despite receiving the report as his appointing official, President Biden declined to take any action against Mr. Cuffari, thus closing the matter without action.

I would ask that those be admitted through unanimous consent, sir.

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you.

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Perry, the gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes for questioning.

Mr. PERRY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Cuffari, thanks for being here. And I associate myself with the comments regarding your career with Representative Biggs and the Chairman himself. Thank you for what you do.

The numbers in this subject are staggering, 448,000 UACs transferred to HHS of which 31,000 sponsors have sponsor addresses that are blank, undeliverable, missing. It is 31,000 kids, at least, no clue where they are. We have reports of UACs being placed in sponsors in gang-controlled areas, run-down apartment complexes, dilapidated motels, 14,500 alone were released to unrelated spon-

sors, unrelated meaning they did not have family members. I mean, that is 14,500 souls.

Secretary Mayorkas in 2021 issued a memorandum that deprioritized UAC cases, directing Federal officials to focus enforcement resources on other categories of removable aliens.

Mr. Cuffari, the DHS Office of Inspector General investigators have statutory law enforcement authority, including the power to make arrests, execute warrants, and carry firearms. I just wonder at what point, if there is a point, did the Secretary's actions reach the level of child endangerment, child abandonment, child abuse? Did anybody in your office ever investigate or consider investigating Secretary Mayorkas for criminal activity in this regard?

Mr. CUFFARI. Not to my knowledge, Mr. Perry.

Mr. PERRY. What would it take? Is there anything that it would take? At what level—I mean, these are so-called policies, but the result of which—if you as a parent, as a guardian, took a child and abandoned it on the street—these are thousands in any case that were abandoned somewhere by policy. If you did that as an individual, you would likely be charged with child endangerment. And I know it is a tough call here because these are policies. Does the Office of Inspector General (OIG) have the authority to make that call?

Mr. CUFFARI. The OIG has the authority to do administrative as well as criminal investigations of departmental employees or contractors. The U.S. Attorney, the Department of Justice, would be the entity that would decide whether those actions were a criminal violation or prosecutable.

Mr. PERRY. Did you or anybody in your office ever consider a criminal referral in these cases? I know that the report, I think, came out in March 2025 regarding most of this, but obviously, the investigation was ongoing throughout the Biden Administration. Was there ever a consideration, a discussion whatsoever regarding the Secretary or those carrying out the policies that led to 448,000 unaccompanied minors that would be considered criminal activity relating to child endangerment?

Mr. CUFFARI. Not to our knowledge. Not to my knowledge, Mr. Perry.

Mr. PERRY. Looking back, I mean, is that something that should have been considered? Because it is policy, does that mean it is okay, or that it is something that can never be considered?

Mr. CUFFARI. If it is policy, the Department of Homeland Security IG's Office policy is not to look into policies or to charge individuals with violations of policies that are established by the Department.

Mr. PERRY. Well, I would say this. Look, we appreciate your service, and we know you were fighting for every child that was out there, but I think that these activities do rise to the level of at least consideration of criminal activity because the results lead—the actions of the policy led to the results of having these children, of which now many thousands are literally unfindable and likely in the hands of traffickers and have been since they have been here, those were policies that were orchestrated by design, by individuals, primarily the Secretary of Homeland Security, and gleaned these results. And there has been no accountability. And without

criminal referrals, unfortunately, there is likely never to be appropriate accountability.

With that, Mr. Chairman, for the time being, I yield.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman yields.

Mr. Bell is recognized for 5 minutes for questioning.

A correction, Ms. Simon is recognized for 5 minutes for questioning.

Ms. SIMON. Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

And I am glad we are having this conversation. For approximately 30 years, I have been working on behalf of young, trafficked children in the East Bay, and I cannot tell you how timely this conversation is for the millions of children, I do not care what administration. What they have had to suffer because, for folks, if you have worked with trafficked children, if you have seen the detention facilities that they are warehoused in in this country, both in the Federal and county level, you would be shocked. And so, I would actually invite Members of this Committee, of this Subcommittee, we should go see, we should hands-on the child detention facilities of the Federal Government are operating. They are heinous.

So, I am happy to have this conversation, and I know, you know, for many reasons why I came to Congress, but one of them was to fight for the health and safety and the well-being of our families, our communities, and our children. I am clearly not alone in this fight.

And when the Trump Administration abruptly terminated funding for legal services for unaccompanied children, yes, many of them trafficked, California's Attorney General, Rob Bonta, led 20 attorneys general in challenging that decision. President Trump is forcing toddlers—many have seen it—toddlers, many of which who do not speak English, to represent themselves in immigration court. I want to thank Attorney General Rob Bonta for his leadership. California has a strong intent and interest in protecting the legal rights of unaccompanied children—children—over 10,800 children or 11 percent of all unaccompanied minors were released to sponsors in the State of California, making it the highest after Texas. Cutting resources to ensure that migrant children have access to legal services is just one way that this Administration is actively punishing and hurting children in their relentless and inhumane immigration agenda that criminalizes and dehumanizes asylum seekers.

In May 2025, the Trump Administration had filed a motion to completely terminate a nearly 30-year agreement which dictates the basic human rights of children, migrant children, trafficked children, in detention, terminated that agreement. The Flores agreement limits how long migrant children can be detained, and it also requires that government provide children with adequate food—seems like the floor, right—adequate food, adequate water, and other necessities like clean clothing and underwear. This Administration terminated that agreement.

The Trump Administration is also working to end the requirement for those basic human rights of children who are seeking asylum. These children are whom some would consider the most vulnerable and at risk in our country. The Administration also wants to keep migrant children in custody—in custody. These children are

shackled. These children are shackled. In custody longer, which only compounds the physical and mental health and long-term traumas and harms and will exacerbate their pre-existing conditions to the trauma of their detention by our government.

These harms to both unaccompanied children and families in detention are not only heartbreaking, they are countless. ICE is detaining children with cancer and pregnant women—that is fact—without adequate medical care or due process. There are migrant detainees being held without access to natural light or recreation at Dilley Family Detention Center, which is a warehouse for people in the great State of Texas. There is a lack of clean water for children, and children are not eating. And the Department of Homeland Security revoked humanitarian parole for a 4-year-old baby girl receiving care for a life-threatening condition.

I can go on and on. I can go on and on, but the reality is that my community and communities across the Nation, we are not this cruel. I do not care how you pray or how you vote. These are facts. That is not hyperbole. Children of Abraham, we got to look at the facts. We are detaining, warehousing, and denying unaccompanied children who are seeking asylum, not only due process, but access to medical care, access to clean clothes, access to drinking water, access to attorneys.

I will yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentlelady yields.

Mr. Biggs, the gentleman from Arizona, is recognized for questioning.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And so much of what I just heard is untrue, but what I would say too is, you know, when you cast aspersions about the Inspector General Cuffari, I wonder, did you read the report that he submitted for this? Did you read the report that we are discussing today?

Mr. CUFFARI. I did.

Mr. BIGGS. No, I know you did. I wonder about the people who are telling lies about you, whether they did. And then they say, we cannot believe a thing you said. Well, everything you said undermines what I think everybody on this committee should be worried about, and that is this horrible scourge of trying to find these kids who were brought in and let in. I get, you know, just absolutely mind-blown by people making these assertions.

But have you been down to the border? I have been down to the border many times. I know you have, Mr. Cuffari.

Ms. SIMON. I have as well.

Mr. BIGGS. And have you brought people to the border? Have you interviewed people that are in detention? Have you interviewed children who come across without parents?

This government, under Joe Biden—under Joe Biden—received hundreds of thousands of unaccompanied children. Is that fair to say, Mr. Cuffari?

Mr. CUFFARI. So, the number is around 448,000.

Mr. BIGGS. And of those, do we know where all those 448,000 unaccompanied children are?

Mr. CUFFARI. As of the date of the report, we did not. Like I mentioned, ICE and HHS are now going out in tandem to go and identify where these children are located.

Mr. BIGGS. Are you familiar with the case in Orlando, Florida, where 22 children at one time or another were placed with a strip club?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is a new one.

Mr. BIGGS. Yes. Well, that happened. That happened. And you know what? That is not the only time that type of thing happened. Multiple children going to the same address, which turned out to be a vacant address. Is that right?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is correct. There was one instance where our audit team—and I have some of those senior members here with me today—went physically out to look at addresses. There was one address where 35 unaccompanied alien children were designated to be, and it was a non-existing address.

Mr. BIGGS. Were there records kept about the vetting of the sponsors to where these children were being placed under the Biden Administration?

Mr. CUFFARI. The change in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HHS and DHS in the summer of 2021 removed the requirement for DHS to do the vetting. That vetting then fell on HHS to do, but it was only for the adult sponsor, not for all the individuals in the home.

Mr. BIGGS. Are you referring to the Mayorkas 2021 memo that deprioritized unaccompanied children cases, labeling them non-criminal?

Mr. CUFFARI. I think that he issued that memorandum in the fall of 2021. This is a change in an MOU that happened in the summer of 2021 that predated that.

Mr. BIGGS. Okay. So, Mr. Perry brought up offenses against children, and it does not take much to go to 18 USC section 2251 and then also the aid-and-abet statutes to realize that the policies, when you are labeling what is happening, the unaccompanied children as non-criminal, if you have ever stood there and watched a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old come over in a group put together by a coyote with a 10-year-old not related to those two younger kids, bringing them across, you would have to say there is some criminal conduct there. There is absolutely abuse of children going on there. That is what was going on wildly, often, under the previous Administration.

And I am sorry that you had to endure the BS that you have had to today. Your report is right, and I hope my colleagues read that report and tell me where any of it is untrue.

And I will yield the balance, but I do have some UCs after you are done.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman yields the balance.

I would just like to point out to my colleagues that at any given time in American prisons, there are 750,000 to 850,000 incarcerated Americans that are parents of minor children. So, when my colleagues discuss our efforts to keep families together during the deportation process, that is important. The gentleman yields.

Mr. BIGGS. I have some UCs.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman has unanimous consent.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you. This is a letter to Assistant Secretary Contreras from October 24, 2022. Another one, July 15, 2022, to Secretary Mayorkas and Secretary Becerra, signed by many Members of Congress. Another to Secretary Becerra, dated September 10, 2021. Another one to Secretary Mayorkas, dated March 3, 2021. Another to ORR and the Administration for Children and Families, dated February 24, 2022, all asking questions about where these children were and the policies. Another is an article entitled, "Tom Homan details search for 300,000 kids the Biden administration lost." This is another one from July 14. "ICE finds 10 unaccompanied migrant children at marijuana growth sites." Another one dated February 14 this year, "ICE officers granted access to unaccompanied minors data base." Another one from the *New York Times*, stating, "Alone and exploited migrant children work brutal jobs across the U.S." dated February 25, 2023. Another one from April 17, 2023, from the *New York Times*, "U.S. was warned of migrant child labor but 'didn't want to hear it.'" And another one from May 8, 2023, "What we know about unaccompanied children arriving at the southern border."

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection, so entered into the record.

And the Chair recognizes Mr. Bell for 5 minutes for questions.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chair, before my time, I have some unanimous consents.

Mr. HIGGINS. Yes, sir.

Mr. BELL. With unanimous consent, I would like to enter the following articles regarding Inspector General Cuffari's conduct from the Project on Government Oversight into the record. One is dated October 3, 2024, "DHS Watchdog Repeatedly Mised Congress." One is dated October 2, 2024, "A Watchdog's War on Oversight." One is dated April 20, 2021, "Pulling Punches: Trump-Appointed Watchdog Suppressed White House-Related Probes." There is an article on July 1, 2021, "The Whistleblower Reprisal Helps Set the Stage for a January 6 Intelligence Failure." On July 21, 2022, an article entitled "DHS Watchdog Failed to Sound Alarm for Months on Secret Service's Purged January 6 Texts." On August 11, 2022, "DHS Watchdog Nixed Alert to Congress about Purged January 6 Texts, New Docs Show." On March 8, 2023, "Whistleblower Reprisal Feared in Key Parts of DHS Watchdog." On January 6, 2023, "DHS Watchdog Regularly Purges Texts on Government Phone Despite Ongoing Investigation." And last, on July 27, 2023, "DHS Watchdog Settles Whistleblower Reprisal Case for \$1.17 million."

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Chairman, I would like to enter into unanimous consent.

Mr. HIGGINS. For Mr. Bell, entered without objection.

Ms. Simon is recognized.

Ms. SIMON. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I ask for unanimous consent to enter into the record the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's 1,000-page report on the Inspector General's misconduct.

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Chair, unanimous consent, please.

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Garcia is recognized.

Mr. GARCIA. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I want to submit for unanimous consent—I just want to introduce this document into the record listing all the calls to release the Epstein files from Members of this Committee.

Mr. HIGGINS. Would you mind repeating your request to enter, sir, the title of your entry?

Mr. GARCIA. The title is—this is a document into the record listing the Members of this Committee and their individual calls to release the Epstein files.

Mr. HIGGINS. Sir, without objection.

Mr. Bell is recognized for questioning.

Mr. BELL. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Ranking Member, and our witness for being here today.

Just for housekeeping, this report, which I did look at, was starting from a time period in 2019, correct?

Mr. CUFFARI. Fiscal year 2019 to 2023.

Mr. BELL. And who was the President in 2019?

Mr. CUFFARI. 2019 was President Trump.

Mr. BELL. And who appointed you, Mr. Cuffari?

Mr. CUFFARI. President Trump.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Cuffari, can you tell me which populations are at the highest risk of being victims of human trafficking or sexual exploitation?

Mr. CUFFARI. Those who are not put—those who the Federal Government track.

Mr. BELL. Let me chime in. The answers are youth, children. Individuals under the age of 18 are the highest risk. And of that population, of the most vulnerable, are unaccompanied, unmonitored children. And that vulnerability caused by instability and lack of support puts children at risk. And unaccompanied minors often arrive alone from dangerous conditions with no protection or guidance, which makes them easy targets for trafficking and exploitation.

And Mr. Cuffari, do you know the most used tactic by human traffickers and predators to lure victims in?

Mr. CUFFARI. A promise of some better lifestyle.

Mr. BELL. Coercion, lying, usually coming from a figure of authority, figures of authority who exploit those young people who may not know and prey on victims' fears. I am a former prosecutor and have extensive work in local government, and so I understand the roles that figures of power play in communities, figures like our law enforcement. And in many communities, ICE is much more prevalent with respect to law enforcement. And this role can shape an individual's actions and how they respond, particularly when they are scared or alone.

And so, I got a couple quick questions for you. Are you familiar with reports in Philadelphia of a man posing as an ICE agent who robbed people and actually falsely imprisoned them? Are you aware of that?

Mr. CUFFARI. I am a native of Philadelphia. I am aware of that case.

Mr. BELL. In Houston, are you aware of a man who was arrested after he robbed somebody while also impersonating an ICE agent?

Mr. CUFFARI. I do not know about that.

Mr. BELL. And in Florida, a 23-year-old man was arrested and charged when police said that he claimed to be an ICE officer and threatened to deport two men after he pulled their vehicle over and demanded identification. Were you familiar with that?

Mr. CUFFARI. I am.

Mr. BELL. And so, the concern—our colleague talked about things that we should be concerned about, talking about previous administrations in the past. I think these are things that we should be concerned about like right now. Would you agree with that?

Mr. CUFFARI. I do.

Mr. BELL. And when people are walking around with masks and they are identifying themselves as law enforcement agents or, more specifically, ICE agents, that is problematic, isn't it?

Mr. CUFFARI. For whom?

Mr. BELL. Pick the person. The person who is there, the victim, whomever. So, let me ask you this. So, you do not think that it is a problem when someone who might be inclined to rob someone, kidnap them, steal someone, now they know that they can put a mask on, claim to be ICE, and people will not know?

Mr. CUFFARI. Without proper identification.

Mr. BELL. So, is it your testimony today that all ICE agents need to properly identify themselves?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is a decision by the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. BELL. But what are your thoughts on that?

Mr. CUFFARI. It is the decision of the Department of Homeland Security how to deploy their law enforcement.

Mr. BELL. Okay. So, I have dealt with law enforcement. I have worked with law enforcement. And they do not wear masks. They show themselves. They identify themselves because it is about the trust and accountability part.

So, here is a hypothetical. So, you have a good-faith belief that this person who has approached you is not a law enforcement figure or an ICE agent, and you resist, and you are wrong. Do you know what will happen to you?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is a hypothetical. I do not know what would happen.

Mr. BELL. You would be prosecuted. So, I do not know if you are an attorney. I am an attorney. When we are talking about the law, we start with hypotheticals because when we are discussing policy, we have to think about every situation that could potentially happen. And so, you have masked people walking around. And everyone knows that people can portray themselves as ICE agents, and if you are wrong, you get prosecuted, and that is a problem. And we have seen articles of it in Los Angeles and other places that we mentioned all over the country.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. BELL. I yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. Ms. Pressley is recognized for 5 minutes for questioning.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Thank you. First, let me begin by saying this. Republicans, you sound absolutely absurd. Stop calling children aliens. This intentional—I mean, the cruelty is the point. This intentional dehumanizing and persistent persecution through your

rhetoric is shameful. You are literally attacking children. I cannot take seriously anyone who is using othering language to bully babies and toddlers. Republicans do not want us to see the humanity of immigrants—that is why they like saying aliens—and even put it in the title of the hearing. And that inhumane approach is consistent with the actions of the Department of Homeland Security.

Dr. Cuffari, have you heard about the DHS policy of collecting the DNA of children and storing it into the FBI criminal data base? Yes or no?

Mr. CUFFARI. I believe there is not a policy to do children.

Ms. PRESSLEY. There absolutely is.

Mr. Chair, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the record this report from July 2025 titled “Raiding the Genome: How the U.S. Government is Abusing its Immigration Powers to Amass DNA for Future Policing.”

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection.

Ms. PRESSLEY. This policy began under Donald Trump. In his first term, he authorized DHS to begin mass DNA data collection from immigrants, including children, and hand that data over to an FBI data base designed to track violent offenders. Now that he is back, Trump is taking this policy to new extremes, adding more than a quarter million people to the data base in just four months. I am right here. A quarter million people, okay, in four months.

This Committee recently held a hearing on genetic data, and there was bipartisan agreement that DNA is highly sensitive, and its misuse is a violation of people’s rights because children as young as four years old could not possibly consent to DNA collection.

So, I want to know what your office is doing about it, Dr. Cuffari.

Mr. CUFFARI. We actually wrote a report.

Ms. PRESSLEY. One moment, let me ask the question.

Mr. CUFFARI. Certainly.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Is it the responsibility of your office to investigate abuses of civil rights and civil liberties, yes or no?

Mr. CUFFARI. Yes.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Has your office ever investigated concerns about DHS agents stealing genetic information from children and uploading it to the FBI’s criminal data base?

Mr. CUFFARI. Not to my knowledge during my tenure.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Well, for an inspector general worthy of the title, it should be a priority investigation. Do you agree?

Mr. CUFFARI. I agree that we did a report——

Ms. PRESSLEY. Thank you.

Mr. CUFFARI. Thank you.

Ms. PRESSLEY. You agree?

Mr. CUFFARI. I agree that we did a report——

Ms. PRESSLEY. It should be a priority investigation?

Mr. CUFFARI [continuing]. On the matter you are discussing.

Ms. PRESSLEY. For the record, I want to be clear. Do you agree there should be a priority investigation by your office to look into agents stealing genetic information from children and uploading it to the FBI’s criminal data base, yes or no? Yes or no? Your office——

Mr. CUFFARI. We have done the report——

Ms. PRESSLEY. Let me just—

Mr. CUFFARI [continuing]. That you are mentioning.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Let me just say this. Your office, according to Title V of the U.S. Code, chapter 4, section 417, this is the responsibility you are charged with to investigate abuses of civil rights and civil liberties. Children as young as four years old have not consented to the collection of their DNA. That is a violation of their civil rights and civil liberties.

So, this is not a trick question. Do you believe, given the charge and jurisdiction of your office, that this should be a priority investigation as their rights have been violated?

Mr. CUFFARI. Unless the adult consented on the child's behalf.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Yes or no? Yes or no, Dr. Cuffari?

Mr. CUFFARI. We just got done writing a report.

Ms. PRESSLEY. On what?

Mr. CUFFARI. On the DNA collection within the Department of Homeland Security.

Ms. PRESSLEY. I thought you said you were not even aware that it was a policy. I am very confused.

Mr. CUFFARI. There is not a policy.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Dr. Cuffari, I am not going to, you know, play these games here because we are talking about children, so I do not want to circle the drain. But this should be a priority investigation because we have children whose civil rights have been violated with the collection of their DNA.

This Administration is turning childhood trauma into a permanent record. Republicans on this Committee, you claim to be focused on protecting children, yet you are ignoring actual threats to their safety. You traumatize children with the threat of disappearing their parents. You traumatize children by disappearing their parents. You traumatize children by collecting their DNA without their consent and criminalizing them. You traumatize children by denying them food when they are hungry. You traumatize children by denying them essential healthcare, which is their human right. You traumatize them so much that they are afraid to show up to school, afraid to show up to church, afraid to go to doctor's appointments.

Mr. Chair, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the record this July 2025 article from the *Boston Globe* titled, "I Want Daddy', As ICE detains parents and children"—

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection.

The gentlelady's time has expired.

Ms. Mace is recognized—

Ms. PRESSLEY. Stop using children as pawns. This is the real child abuse.

Mr. HIGGINS [continuing]. For 5 minutes for questions.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Thank you. I yield.

Ms. MACE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the passion this afternoon.

We talk a lot about the consequences of illegal immigration on American citizens, and rightfully so. It was a nightmare for the American people, many of whom were robbed, raped, and murdered by illegal aliens. Today, we are examining the humanitarian catas-

trophe for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' open borders caused for children.

And South Carolina is not alone. We have had children killed by illegal aliens. We had a sanctuary sheriff in South Carolina just last year who was letting out illegals, not working with ICE, refused to work with ICE, and she was letting out—Kristin Graziano was her name, and she lost her election, rightfully so, in November. But she was letting out illegals who were rapists, murderers, pedophiles, that sort of thing.

So, open borders are not compassionate. They are cruel. The Biden Administration's decision to fling our border wide open and institute catch and release put hundreds of thousands of unaccompanied children at risk of exploitation through sex-trafficking, child pornography, narco-trafficking, and modern-day slavery.

So, Mr. Cuffari, a DHS Inspector General, you sounded the alarm on this issue, and I know each and every American thanks you. So, my question for you this afternoon is how many unaccompanied children were lost by the Biden Administration?

Mr. CUFFARI. I believe the figure is 233,000.

Ms. MACE. And how many unaccompanied children were registered to non-existent addresses or had no address listed at all?

Mr. CUFFARI. I do not have the exact number on that. There were 31,000 who had invalid addresses.

Ms. MACE. Okay. And in your review, how frequently did you find numerous children registered to the same address?

Mr. CUFFARI. Frequently.

Ms. MACE. And do you believe there were sufficient safeguards in place to prevent these from happening?

Mr. CUFFARI. No.

Ms. MACE. As you mentioned in 2021, the Biden Administration removed a requirement HHS provide ICE with biographic and biometric information to vet the sponsors and adult members of the household of unaccompanied minors. They made it easier to hand unaccompanied children to criminals. How many unaccompanied minors did the Biden Administration hand over to criminals or known cartel associates?

Mr. CUFFARI. I know that the recent efforts between HHS and DHS have identified 400 sponsors who have been arrested.

Ms. MACE. In your review, how many sponsors did you identify who are criminals or known cartel associates?

Mr. CUFFARI. I do not have that figure.

Ms. MACE. Was ICE able to properly vet sponsors of unaccompanied children for criminal history or cartel ties without biographic or biometric information from ICE?

Mr. CUFFARI. No, they were prohibited from doing so.

Ms. MACE. Crazy. Did the Biden Administration conduct DNA testing to verify sponsors claiming a familial relation were in fact related to the unaccompanied child?

Mr. CUFFARI. That is a report that we just published within the last few days. I think the figure was 0.1 percent of individuals who came to the border had DNA tested.

Ms. MACE. Did the Biden Administration—we did that. Okay. So, are you aware DHS has a program called Intensive Supervision

Appearance Program, ISAP, to monitor the location of illegal aliens on the non-detained docket, manage cases, and ensure compliance?

Mr. CUFFARI. Yes.

Ms. MACE. Okay. Do you believe a similar program to track the location of unaccompanied children would reduce the risk of unaccompanied minors being exploited?

Mr. CUFFARI. It would certainly be very helpful.

Ms. MACE. Okay. I want to thank you for being here today. And also, as someone who has spent a good part of my political career protecting women and children, I want to say that protecting them from illegals who are rapists, murderers, and pedophiles is supremely important. I have authored dozens of bills to protect women and kids. I am someone who found myself accidentally uncovering possible child sexual abuse material in November 2023, and I will fight like hell for women and kids everywhere across the country.

And I want to be sure that when we are talking about pedophiles, convicted, et cetera, that we think about making sure that we do not expose who those victims are, who those kids are, that if we are going to release files, that we redact the names of the kids that were involved or the names of the victims. I, myself, as a victim currently today, fighting for justice for myself and other women, I cannot express how important that is.

But also, how do you traffic 1,000 kids and only have one accomplice? Like that just does not make sense to me. And I am for full transparency of all pedophiles. I am for making sure that we go after those who have raped kids, who have done the worst of the worst.

So, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentlelady yields.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Chairman, I have a UC.

Ms. SIMON. I apologize, sir.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you. This is from today. "Former Obama ICE Director: Homan's Right that Keeping ICE out of Jails Means More Collateral Arrests." Yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. Without objection.

There is unanimous consent that I have entered into the record a bill currently under consideration by this Committee, my bill, that is titled "Restoring Integrity and Efficiency to the Inspector General Oversight Act of 2025," abolishing the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency regarding abolishing CIGIE, which is considered by many to be a rogue and politically driven and weaponized part of our government.

Also, for unanimous consent to enter into the record 8 U.S. Code 1101, under definitions, (a)(3), the term "alien" means any person not a citizen or national of the United States. That is the legal definition of that term. Without objection.

And I enter into the record or seek unanimous consent, the Bureau of Justice Statistics that supports my earlier statement that, at any given time, 700,000 to 800,000 American citizens are incarcerated in American penitentiaries that are themselves parents of minor children.

And without objection, pursuant to the previous order, the Subcommittee stands in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Ms. LEE. Point of order—are we not going to take the vote?

Mr. HIGGINS. We are in recess.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Chairman, are we going to take the vote for the motion?

Mr. HIGGINS. We are in recess, subject to the previous order which passed without objection. Sorry, this is out of order conversation—I am just being polite.

[Recess.]

Mr. HIGGINS. The Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement, Oversight and Reform, is back in session. Let me just announce to the Members that we are going to get as much done as we can, while votes are about to be called, so we can move forward with these proceedings reflective of our rules.

I believe Mr. Perry had sought recognition.

Mr. PERRY. That is right, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, I have a motion to subpoena the following individuals to expand the full Committee's investigation into Ms. Maxwell, and the list reads as follows: William Jefferson Clinton, Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton, James Brien Comey, Loretta Elizabeth Lynch, Eric Hempton Holder Jr., Merrick Brian Garland, Robert Swan Mueller III, William Pelham Barr, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III, and Alberto Gonzalez. That is the full list, Mr. Chairman, and that is the motion.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman has a motion.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed signify by saying no.

[Chorus of noes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

Ms. LEE. A recorded vote.

Mr. HIGGINS. A recorded vote is requested. The clerk will call the roll.

Will the clerk, distribute a copy, please.

[Pause.]

Mr. HIGGINS. Does another Member have—I am not sure that is within the rules, but does another Member have a request?

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. HIGGINS. Does Mr. Biggs have a motion?

Mr. BIGGS. I do, Mr. Chairman.

I move that at the bottom of the current motion that it state the following: “Additionally, all communications between President Biden or the Biden officials and the prosecuting agency related to the Epstein prosecutors also be released.”

Mr. HIGGINS. And that is at the bottom of which present motion, sir?

Mr. BIGGS. I am not sure. I never received a copy of the motion, but—

Mr. HIGGINS. The amendment from Ms. Lee?

Mr. BIGGS [continuing]. It is the Democrat's motion that we are considering. It is——

Mr. HIGGINS. You are talking about amending the motion of Ms. Lee?

Mr. BIGGS. Yes, if it is Ms. Lee that made the motion for the subpoena. I did not get a copy of that, sir.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Chair, I think our preference and our request is to have the clean motion that Ms. Lee made to release the Epstein files. This is the vote that we will be voting for.

Mr. HIGGINS. Yes, and the gentleman's argument is being discussed. There is a parliamentary discussion going on between the Majority and the Minority right now. We are going to follow the rules.

In the meantime, votes have been called, and pursuant to the previous order, the Subcommittee stands in recess. We will be returning as fast as possible after votes, so we are going to call it a one-half hour window to return after votes.

[Recess.]

Mr. HIGGINS. The Subcommittee will come back to order. We continue with the amendment—Ms. Lee's motion rather, and I believe Mr. Biggs has a motion for amendment of Ms. Lee's motion.

Mr. BIGGS. Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.

I move to amend Ms. Lee's motion to include the release of all communications between President Joe Biden and/or the Biden Administration officials in the Department of Justice related to Jeffrey Epstein.

Mr. HIGGINS. Motion is offered.

All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All opposed?

Do you have an amendment to the amendment?

Mr. GARCIA. I do, Mr. Chair.

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Garcia is recognized with an amendment to the amendment that Mr. Biggs has offered——

Mr. GARCIA. Thank you.

Mr. HIGGINS. To Ms. Lee's motion.

Mr. GARCIA. I move to add a second amendment to the amendment to Mr. Biggs' to strike "President Joe Biden and/or Biden Administration officials" and replace with "any President or executive branch official."

Mr. HIGGINS. We will dispense with Mr. Garcia's motion to amend the amendment of Mr. Biggs before we vote by voice on Mr. Biggs' amendment to Ms. Lee's motion.

All those in favor of Mr. Garcia's motion to amend Mr. Biggs' motion, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed, no.

[Chorus of noes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the noes have it, and the motion is not agreed to.

Mr. GARCIA. Recorded vote, please, Mr. Chair.

Mr. HIGGINS. Recorded vote is requested. The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Gosar.

[No response.]
 The Clerk. Mr. Biggs.
 Mr. BIGGS. No.
 The Clerk. Mr. Biggs votes no.
 Ms. Mace.
 Ms. MACE. No.
 The Clerk. Ms. Mace votes no.
 Mr. Perry.
 Mr. PERRY. No.
 The Clerk. Mr. Perry votes no.
 Ms. Boebert.
 [No response.]
 The Clerk. Mr. Jack.
 Mr. JACK. No.
 The Clerk. Mr. Jack votes no.
 Ms. Lee.
 Ms. LEE. Yes.
 The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes yes.
 Mr. Bell.
 Mr. BELL. Yes.
 The Clerk. Mr. Bell votes yes.
 Ms. Simon.
 Ms. SIMON. Yes.
 The Clerk. Ms. Simon votes yes.
 Ms. Pressley.
 Ms. PRESSLEY. Yes.
 The Clerk. Ms. Pressley votes yes.
 Mr. Garcia.
 Mr. GARCIA. Yes.
 The Clerk. Mr. Garcia votes yes.
 Mr. Chairman.
 Mr. HIGGINS. The Chairman votes no.
 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman votes no.
 Mr. Chairman, on this vote, the ayes are five, the nays are five.
 Mr. HIGGINS. The vote is a tie. The motion fails.
 We now will dispense with Mr. Biggs' motion to amend the motion of Ms. Lee.
 All those in favor of Mr. Biggs' amendment, say aye.
 [Chorus of ayes.]
 Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed?
 [No response.]
 Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.
 We will now call up Ms. Lee's—
 Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman?
 Mr. HIGGINS. Yes.
 Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman?
 Mr. HIGGINS. Yes.
 Ms. MACE. Right here. I move to amend Ms. Lee's motion to include the redacting of names of victims and any personally identifying information of said victims and any possible child sexual abuse material, or CSAM. I think it is very important that we protect any potential victims.
 Mr. HIGGINS. That is an amendment to Ms. Lee's motion.

All those in favor of Ms. Mace's amendment to Ms. Lee's motion, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed, say no.

[No response.]

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. HIGGINS. Ms. Mace.

Ms. MACE. I move to amend Ms. Lee's motion to add the word "credible" before the word "complete."

Mr. HIGGINS. Ms. Mace has further amendment to Ms. Lee's motion.

All those in favor—

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Chair?

Mr. HIGGINS [continuing]. Say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. GARCIA. We just want that in writing. We just want to make sure we have the exact change of the motion, please.

Mr. HIGGINS. I believe she said she has added one word. Can we dispense?

Ms. MACE. The word "credible."—

Mr. HIGGINS. The word "credible."

Ms. MACE. [continuing]. After the word "complete." Sorry.

Mr. HIGGINS. We respect the gentleman's query. I am asking to move forward.

Mr. GARCIA. Yes, we want that in writing.

Mr. HIGGINS. Okay. A writ has been requested regarding Ms. Mace's one-word amendment to Ms. Lee's motion. We will stand by to move forward with the vote while the clerk prepares the writ.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Chair, is there an opportunity to comment on the motion?

Mr. HIGGINS. Not at this time. Are you asking to be recognized for comment?

Mr. BELL. Yes.

Mr. HIGGINS. After we have dispensed with this, yes, sir.

Mr. BELL. Thank you.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Chair?

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Garcia, you are recognized. The writ of Ms. Mace's amendment to Ms. Lee's motion has been distributed. Mr. Garcia, you are recognized for comment.

Mr. GARCIA. Yes, my question, and perhaps the question to Ms. Lee—

Mr. HIGGINS. Order.

Mr. GARCIA. Thank you. I think adding the word "credible"—who makes the decision on what is credible? And I am wondering, Ms. Mace, does the DOJ get an opportunity to make that decision?

Ms. MACE. I believe in the bipartisan bill by Representatives Massie and Khanna, they use language "credible" also. I think it is important that this does not need to be a witch hunt. We all want transparency on this Committee, and you are seeing that process in play in real time right now. And I think it is really important that this is not a witch hunt, that we are talking about credible information, credible files, et cetera. And I believe it mod-

els the language that is in the Massie-Khanna bill or discharge petition as it is.

Mr. GARCIA. I mean, we will definitely take a look at that. I think that, obviously, we want to make sure, I think like all of you, that we have a full release of the Epstein files and that all pertinent information is released. I do not doubt that all of you also want that same thing. I just think it is important that the word "credible", I think, adds a concern that who is making the decision of what is actually credible within the actual file.

Ms. MACE. May I?

Mr. GARCIA. Please.

Ms. MACE. I think it is important that we ensure that we are not releasing unverified documents, that the documents that we are subpoenaing to have released are actually verified. So, we have all worked on—I have worked on many issues with women and children. I happen to be a victim of a similar thing that I uncovered. About one year, nine months ago, I discovered possible child sexual abuse material on a device from someone in my district, and I reported it to the feds. I reported it to the state law enforcement division where there is an open and active investigation right now based on that information.

And I understand when we are doing an investigation, because of the experience that I have just been through the last one year, nine months, one, protecting victims, which we just did in my previous motion. But now I want to make sure that the information that we do release is verified and is credible, and I think that is fair. And you are watching us. This is democracy in motion. This is a Republican motion. You are seeing us work together to make sure that we are putting verified information, verified documents forward. That is, in my estimation, the best path forward to ensure that this is not just some political witch hunt, that we are being actually very thoughtful about it with all parties involved.

Mr. GARCIA. I appreciate that. And I think our concern, and certainly mine is that, you know, if it is the White House or anyone else that is making a decision of what is actually credible or not, or the DOJ, we want to—

Ms. MACE. Well, we, as a Committee, are doing that. We—

Mr. GARCIA. I understand that. I just want to make sure that we receive as much information as possible and that the decision of what is actually credible is not being made by an outside party.

Ms. MACE. Well, we are making that decision.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentleman's time for—

Ms. MACE. We have—

Mr. HIGGINS [continuing]. Comment on this—

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman, may I?

Mr. HIGGINS [continuing]. Has expired.

Ms. MACE. May I, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. HIGGINS. I would ask that in the interest of all Members, we are debating one word, one word on an amendment to a motion that we have yet to vote on.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman, may I have 1 minute?

Mr. HIGGINS. I recognize Ms. Mace.

Ms. MACE. We, as an oversight committee, we have writ authority over our subpoena, over this motion, over the subpoena. So,

there is no one from the White House in the room today. There is no one from the DOJ in the room. This is us operating as our own legislative vehicle doing this independently of anybody. And I think we want to be sure that this is structured in a way that is taken seriously, is real, and that it is verified. And we, as a committee, have that writ authority, Mr. Chairman, as you know.

Thank you, and I yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentlelady yields.

Let me say again, we are debating one word. I would suggest that we move forward with a vote. If you oppose a motion, oppose a motion.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Chairman, may I be recognized?

Mr. HIGGINS. The good lady is recognized.

Ms. SIMON. Thank you, sir. I would like to yield my time to Ranking Member Garcia.

Mr. GARCIA. Thank you. And I appreciate the back-and-forth, and I know we are going to vote here real soon. You know, we are scanning the resolution. We do not see right now the word "credible" in there. Maybe it is there. We have not seen it yet, but it is not something that we are seeing in the Massie resolution.

Ms. MACE. Okay.

Mr. GARCIA. And so——

Ms. MACE. I am a cosponsor. I thought that was in there, so my apologies to the Committee.

Mr. GARCIA. And so, I think your initial motion, I think is, is one that we obviously supported with the redacting of those names and information. I think if we can just move on from that "credible" word and allow the files to be released as intended. I think the motion as-is was appropriate.

Ms. MACE. May I? So, you are okay with having unverified, undocumented files released to the public? I mean——

Mr. GARCIA. But they are being released to the Committee.

Ms. MACE. To the Committee.

Mr. GARCIA. They will be released to us.

Ms. MACE. But you want unverified, undocumented——

Mr. GARCIA. Yes. Let us take all the information, Ms. Mace, and then, at that point, this Committee can make those decisions. You are going to have that information. We will all have it. As far as what is released to the public is a separate question.

Ms. MACE. Right. I just think it is very important for this to be taken seriously, that we are using legitimate documents, that they are verified. I am going to yield to Mr. Biggs who would like to—is that okay?

Mr. BIGGS. Thanks.

Ms. SIMON. I believe that I have yielded my time, Mr. Chairman, to Mr. Garcia, so if he wants to yield it back to me?

Mr. GARCIA. What I would do is I would——

Mr. HIGGINS. Hold on. I had recognized Ms. Mace. Did Mr. Garcia? There is a lot of recognition here.

Mr. GARCIA. Thank you, sir. Last piece. I think, look, if you want to adopt the language that is actually in the Massie resolution as it relates to the information and what information we want to get back, I think we would be okay with that.

Ms. MACE. Well, let us do that.

Mr. GARCIA. Let us do that. We are happy to do that. OK. There is language in the Massie resolution that we will have to write it out, so you will need to give us some time, but we are happy to do that with our two teams.

Mr. HIGGINS. All right. Mr. Bell had sought recognition, I believe. You are recognized for comment, Mr. Bell.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Chairman?

Ms. MACE. I am not going to withdraw the amendment.

Mr. HIGGINS. On Ms. Mace—pardon?

Ms. MACE. I am not withdrawing amendment.

Mr. HIGGINS. I understand. On Ms. Mace's amendment to Ms. Lee's motion, Ms. Mace's amendment being adding the word "credible" to Ms. Lee's motion. Mr. Bell is recognized, and let us move forward, please.

Mr. BELL. With respect to how the legalese of this is that when you introduce a word like "credible," essentially what you are saying is that someone is going to make a decision on what is credible and what is not credible. And when we are talking about due process, and I do not care whether—I do not care whose name is in this report, Democrat, Republican, or whomever, the public has a right, folks have a right to know, particularly when we are dealing with folks who have been preying on children. And it is disappointing to me that people on this Committee do not want to see all of the information regarding potential trafficking, potential or alleged, preying on children.

We saw an amendment that limited to President Biden and his communications, but yet Members on this community want to claim that they do not want a political witch hunt. Well, you just made it a political witch hunt. And what we are saying is, let us just release the files. Let us find out what is in there. You know, whoever is in there, let us find out what is in there. Let us get to the bottom of it. That is what justice is about.

And so, it disappoints me. And I am glad that we are not doing this vote in the middle of the night as some of these other controversial votes have been brought up. This is in broad daylight, and whoever votes, how you vote is right here and for everyone to see. And so, if you want to add language that could potentially protect predators, just know you are going to be held accountable for that, and we are not going to forget about it because I do not care if my mother's name was in there. I am sorry, Ma, for throwing you in there. We need to find out what the information is in that document because, keep in mind, there might be other victims. There might be other victims out there who may not feel empowered to stand up because they do not feel that we are supporting them. And so—

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. BELL. All right. I will yield my time.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chair?

Mr. BELL. I will yield my time back to the Ranking Member.

Mr. GARCIA. I think we are ready to vote, and then we will move forward.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Chairman? No, the importance of the word—

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Biggs is recognized, yields his time to Ms. Mace.

Ms. MACE. It is important that we—I am currently now, I mean, I have actively reported child sexual abuse material that I uncovered one year, nine months ago, November 5, 2023. And I am working with victims. And so, to sit here and say that Members of this Committee, like myself, do not want information out about possible crimes against children, we are literally voting on that right now. It is going to be a bipartisan vote. So, I take issue with that.

But also, we are in a political environment where the Steele dossier was touted out there as something that was credible. It was not credible. We were told that the Hunter Biden laptop was not credible when it ended up, it was credible.

And so, you know, we are in this environment. I want to be as transparent as possible. You are going to see me vote for this and the other Republicans on this Subcommittee, but it is important that we treat this with the dignity, the respect, the transparency, and that we are not going down the conspiracy rabbit hole that our country has been through for the last four years. Like we are trying to instill trust in an institution. And regardless of what is in the files, who is in the files, all of that, we want to, I think, as a body, this body on this Committee, this Subcommittee, show that we can be trusted and that we are not going to play these games. And I think it is just really important that we are talking about verified documents. That is why I want the word “credible” in there.

I am living this nightmare in real-time with some of my constituents because of evidence that I personally uncovered, and I am fighting like hell, tooth and nail for those victims. And I cannot tell you, when you see possible child sexual abuse material, what it does to your soul and how awful. And you are right there with me shaking your head. I cannot tell you how devastating it is, how devastating it has been to me, the trauma that I have endured, the vicarious trauma that I have endured dealing with victims. So, I take this issue very seriously, and I want to see us do this work, but do it in a way that is not going to be tainted.

I am sick of the political games. I am sick of it. Let us do something that is real. Let us do something that is right. Let us do something that is verified so that we can be trusted. No one trusts us up here, but we are doing the work now. And that is why I am very passionate about this and doing it the right way, not the political way, not the easy way, not the way that some people in this Committee might go fundraise on this afterwards, how everyone is eager to take this vote to go make money for their campaigns next year or use it as a wedge in a political campaign in the midterms next year.

Let us do it real. Let us do it real. Let us do it right. Let us do it with dignity. Let us do it with verified information and documents and do it the right way for the American people, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

Mr. HIGGINS. The gentlelady yields. Mr. Biggs yields back his time.

We call up Ms. Mace’s amendment number two for vote.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed, say no.

[Chorus of noes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of Chair, the ayes have it.

Mr. GARCIA. A recorded vote, please.

Mr. HIGGINS. A recorded vote is called for. The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Gosar.

[No response.]

The Clerk. Mr. Biggs.

Mr. BIGGS. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Biggs votes aye.

Ms. Mace.

Ms. MACE. Aye.

The Clerk. Ms. Mace votes aye.

Mr. Perry.

Mr. PERRY. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Perry votes aye.

Ms. Boebert.

[No response.]

The Clerk. Mr. Jack.

Mr. JACK. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Jack votes aye.

Ms. Lee.

Ms. LEE. No.

The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes no.

Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. No.

The Clerk. Mr. Bell votes no.

Ms. Simon.

Ms. SIMON. No.

The Clerk. Ms. Simon votes no.

Ms. Pressley.

Ms. PRESSLEY. No.

The Clerk. Ms. Pressley votes no.

Mr. Garcia.

Mr. GARCIA. No.

The Clerk. Mr. Garcia votes no.

Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HIGGINS. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Chairman votes aye.

Mr. HIGGINS. The clerk will read the tally.

The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on this vote, the ayes are five, the nays are five.

Mr. HIGGINS. There being a tie, the ayes have it. The motion fails. There being a tie, the motion fails.

And now, we will be calling up Ms. Lee's motion, as amended. All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Mr. HIGGINS. All those opposed, no.

[Chorus of noes.]

Ms. LEE. The ayes?

Mr. HIGGINS. Pardon?

Ms. LEE. The ayes have it?

Mr. HIGGINS. In the opinion of the Chair, the no has it.

Mr. GARCIA. Recorded vote, sir.

Mr. HIGGINS. A recorded vote is called for. The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Gosar.

[No response.]

The Clerk. Mr. Biggs.

[No response.]

The Clerk. Ms. Mace.

Ms. MACE. Aye.

The Clerk. Ms. Mace votes aye.

Mr. Perry.

Mr. PERRY. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Perry votes aye.

Ms. Boebert.

[No response.]

The Clerk. Mr. Jack.

Mr. JACK. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Jack votes aye.

Ms. Lee.

Ms. LEE. Yes.

The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes yes.

Mr. Bell.

Mr. BELL. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Bell votes aye.

Ms. Simon.

Ms. SIMON. Aye.

The Clerk. Ms. Simon votes aye.

Ms. Pressley.

Ms. PRESSLEY. Aye.

The Clerk. Ms. Pressley votes aye.

Mr. Garcia.

Mr. GARCIA. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Garcia votes aye.

Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HIGGINS. No.

The Clerk. Mr. Chairman votes no.

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Biggs is not recorded?

The Clerk. Mr. Biggs is not recorded.

Mr. BIGGS. Nay.

The Clerk. Mr. Biggs votes nay.

Mr. Chairman, on this vote, the ayes are eight, the nays are two.

Mr. HIGGINS. The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to. The Subcommittee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 5:17 p.m., the Subcommittee was adjourned.]