

Questions for the Record from Representative Knott for Attorney General Bondi

“Oversight of the Department of Justice”

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1. In recent months, federal authorities including DOJ’s own agencies are increasingly linking illicit Chinese e-cigarettes to Mexican cartels and Chinese money launderers.

In addition, the Treasury Department’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) issued a [report](#) last year that found illicit Chinese e-cigarettes are being used as part of a trade-based money laundering scheme to move fentanyl proceeds on behalf of Mexican cartels.

Question:

It has become apparent that nefarious organized criminal actors, such as the Mexican drug cartels and Chinese money launderers, appear to be using illicit e-cigarettes to gain a foothold in the domestic U.S. tobacco retail market. We think it’s only a matter of time before e-cigarettes, or related products, are laced with fentanyl.

- Could you clarify whether DOJ is investigating the connection between illicit e-cigarettes and Mexican cartels, Chinese criminal enterprises, and other foreign terrorist organizations?
- Is DOJ working with the Treasury Department and FinCEN to investigate whether such criminal organizations are using the U.S. financial system to launder the proceeds of this illegal activity?

Question for the Record from Representative Issa for Attorney General Bondi

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1. Standard Essential Patents

As Chairman of the Intellectual Property Subcommittee, I regularly review how enforcement-related positions taken by federal agencies intersect with patent policy, including standard-essential patents (SEP). Statements of interest filed in ongoing SEP litigation can have meaningful effects on market participants. Will you work with me to ensure that the DOJ’s positions reflect a balanced approach protecting both innovation and American manufacturing?

Questions for the Record from Representative Baumgartner for Attorney General Bondi

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1. China

Last year I traveled to China, and fentanyl precursor cooperation was on the agenda.

What is DOJ doing—working with DEA, FBI and other partners—to push China to shut down the chemical and equipment pipelines that enable fentanyl production?

And do you need additional authorities to go after Chinese chemical suppliers, brokers, and shippers that knowingly support this trade—through prosecutions, sanctions referrals, or other tools—so we’re not only arresting dealers downstream, but disrupting supply upstream?

2. Byrne-JAG Administration.

A major tool for communities is the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant—JAG—the leading source of federal justice funding for states and local jurisdictions.

JAG dollars are especially critical for multi-jurisdictional drug task forces, undercover operations, and coordinated interdiction.

But in Washington State, nearly half of 2024 JAG applicants were local law enforcement—yet only **4 out of 49 qualified applicants—8%—**were awarded funding, with most dollars going to nonprofit or administrative programs.

Community efforts matter, but traffickers are stopped by enforcement capacity.

Does DOJ have authority—through grant guidance, scoring priorities, or conditions—to ensure more Byrne JAG funding is directed to front-line, multi-jurisdictional law enforcement and interdiction, rather than being steered away from the agencies doing this work?

3. Arts for Justice-Involve Youth

I support the DOJ/OJP to advance evidence-based programs that strengthen community safety, support victims, and build trust between law enforcement and the community. One such effort is the Arts for Justice-Involved Youth grant program, which fosters partnerships between arts organizations and juvenile justice systems to provide high-quality arts programming for justice-involved youth.

I would welcome a report on the program's grantmaking to date in Eastern Washington and OJP's plans to use grantee outcomes to encourage similar state and local initiatives. Additionally, several FY25 OJP NOFOs, including this program, have been delayed into 2026. Please provide the anticipated timeline for releasing FY25 and FY26 NOFOs for the Arts for Justice-Involved Youth program.

Question for the Record from Representative Hageman for Attorney General Bondi

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1. Attorney General Bondi, after three years of justice delayed and denied under President Biden, you confirmed before the House Committee on Appropriations last July that the Department of Justice is investigating the alleged murders of the five extremely late-term and already born babies known as the D.C. Five: Harriet, Christopher X, Phoenix, Angel, and Holly. These five babies were found in medical waste bins, and the state of their bodies suggested they were victims of illegal partial-birth abortions. Could you provide an update on when the Department of Justice is expected to conclude its investigation into the alleged murders of the D.C. Five? Thank you for your continued commitment to transparency on behalf of the American people.

Questions for the Record from Ranking Member Raskin for Attorney General Bondi

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During your appearance before the House Judiciary Committee on February 11, 2026, Democratic Members asked you the following questions, but you refused to answer. We therefore demand you provide fulsome, written responses to the following questions:

1. How many of Jeffrey Epstein’s co-conspirators has the Department of Justice (DOJ) indicted?
2. Will you create a joint task force to give state attorneys general and district attorneys around the country access to DOJ’s trove of evidence regarding Mr. Epstein and his co-conspirators, so they can go build the cases and bring the indictments DOJ refuses to pursue?
3. Are the email communications between Steve Tisch and Mr. Epstein, included in the Epstein files, worthy of further investigation?
4. Do you think it is important for prosecutors to protect sexual assault victims’ identities?
5. Why did the approximately 500 DOJ attorneys reviewing the Epstein files fail to redact dozens of survivors’ names, identities, and sensitive photographs?
6. Why did you refuse to investigate Prince Andrew, who is shown in disturbing photos in the Epstein files (and who has been arrested on February 19, 2026, in England, presumably related to his connection with Mr. Epstein)?
7. Do you have any knowledge that President Trump attended parties with underage girls?
8. Have you created a list of so-called “domestic terrorism” groups, pursuant to President Trump’s National Security Presidential Memorandum/NSPM-7, “Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence”? If so, will you commit to providing the Committee with that list?
9. When did DOJ decide not to investigate Leslie (“Lex”) Wexner as an Epstein co-conspirator, and why?
10. Does DOJ owe anything to Mr. Epstein’s victims for the release of their personally identifiable information, details of their abuse, and even nude photographs, in light of

Donald Trump's lawsuit for \$10 billion in personal damages from the federal government for the release of his tax returns?

11. How many DOJ employees work on the National Cryptocurrency Enforcement Team?
12. Has DOJ questioned Secretary Howard Lutnick or other Administration officials about their ties to Epstein?
13. Who at DOJ signed off on Ghislaine Maxwell's transfer from Federal Correctional Institution Tallahassee in Florida, a low-security prison, to Federal Prison Camp Bryan in Texas, a minimum-security prison?
14. Will your Department consider recommending a pardon for Ghislaine Maxwell?
15. Did President Trump lie when he spread a right-wing conspiracy theory about the murder of Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman, suggesting that Governor Tim Walz had Ms. Hortman assassinated?

Additional Questions:

1. What can you tell us about the ongoing investigation into the death of Geraldo Lunas Campos, a Cuban man who was detained at Camp East Montana and died at the facility in January 2026, whose death was ruled a homicide by "asphyxia due to neck and torso compression" by the El Paso County Medical Examiner?
 - a. Can you confirm that the initial investigation into Mr. Lunas Campos' death was being done by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)?
 - b. Can you confirm that the investigation was turned over by the FBI to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Professional Responsibility (ICE OPR)?
2. What led the FBI, and by extension, the Department of Justice (DOJ) to turn the investigation over to ICE OPR?
3. Prior to turning the investigation over to ICE OPR, what steps had the FBI taken to engage with local authorities in El Paso—namely, the El Paso County Medical Examiner's office, local law enforcement, and local government?
 - a. Did the FBI attempt to engage with leadership at Fort Bliss, where Camp East Montana was constructed?
4. Is ICE OPR coordinating with the DOJ at all as they conduct this investigation?
5. Is the DOJ aware of a timeline for the completion of the investigation?

6. Witnesses to Mr. Lunas Campos' death have shared that Mr. Lunas Campos died following a struggle with guards. If the guards involved in the death of Mr. Lunas Campos are employees of the site's civilian security contractor, and not employees of ICE or the Department of Homeland Security, to what end is ICE OPR conducting this investigation?
 - a. What was the purpose of turning the investigation over to ICE OPR?
7. Will the DOJ pursue accountability for the guards who had a role in the death of Mr. Lunas Campos?
8. Why is the DOJ not complying with its statutory obligation to cooperate with the bipartisan Civil Rights Commission investigation into how the federal government has responded to claims of antisemitism on college campuses?

Questions for the Record from Representative Scanlon for Attorney General Bondi

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In September 2025, President Trump issued a national security presidential memorandum, NSPM-7, titled "Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence." On December 4, you issued a memorandum directed at the implementation of NSPM-7 by all federal prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and Department of Justice (DOJ) grant-making components.

In a section titled "Identifying domestic terrorist organizations," your December 4 memorandum directs the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), together with other law enforcement partners, to "compile a list of groups or entities engaged in acts that may constitute domestic terrorism" and provide the list to the Deputy Attorney General. As you know, unlike with respect to foreign terrorist organizations, federal law provides no mechanism to designate domestic terrorist organizations, and doing so would raise significant concerns under the First Amendment.

In addition, there are multiple reports of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol agents warning individuals who are observing them that their information is being entered into a "database" of domestic terrorists.

1. Please provide to the House Judiciary Committee any and all “list(s) of groups or entities engaged in acts that may constitute domestic terrorism” compiled by the DOJ pursuant to NSPM-7 and/or your December 4 memorandum.
2. Under what specific guidelines, and utilizing what specific training, are the FBI and Joint Terrorism Task Forces partners conducting investigations and compiling “list(s)” pursuant to NSPM-7 and/or your December 4 memorandum?
3. Whether or not there is a singular "database," is information about individuals engaged in constitutionally protected activity being collected and retained in federal data holdings pursuant to NSPM-7 and/or your December 4 memorandum? If yes:
 - a. Under what authority is it being compiled and retained?
 - b. How does such collection and retention comply with the Privacy Act?
 - c. Who has access to the information that is being collected or retained, and for what purposes is it used or shared, including with other federal agencies or with state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies?
 - d. Where is this data being held – by what agency or agencies, and in what existing databases (for instance, N-Dex, Automated Targeting System, etc), if any?