

Dem Rep Whines About DHS ‘Harassing’ Illegal Alien He Brought To SOTU

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A Democratic congressman brought an illegal immigrant to President Donald Trump’s State of the Union speech on Tuesday night.

Democratic Massachusetts Rep. Seth Moulton invited Marcelo Gomes da Silva, who was [detained](#) by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) after he overstayed a student visa, to the speech. Gomes da Silva was hustled to the ex-Marine’s congressional office after the Department of Homeland Security noted he was in the country illegally in a Tuesday evening [post](#) on X, according to a Wednesday [statement](#).

“During last night’s State of the Union address inside the U.S. Capitol, a decision was made out of an abundance of caution to pull Congressman Moulton’s guest, Marcelo Gomes da Silva, from the House gallery audience after the official government account for the Department of Homeland Security issued [this tweet](#) at 8:24 PM ET targeting and harassing Marcelo,” Aidan Curran, Moulton’s communications director, claimed in the release.

Welcome to the Capitol, Marcelo! pic.twitter.com/y441xaA6O5

— Rep. Seth Moulton Press Office (@RepMoulton) [February 24, 2026](#)

“Marcelo was escorted from the House gallery at approximately 9:45 PM by a staff member from Congressman Moulton’s office. After leaving the State of the Union, Marcelo returned to Congressman Moulton’s office and watched the remainder of the speech from there,” Curran added.

Democrats [remained seated](#) during a moment in Trump’s speech when the president asked if they could agree to put American citizens ahead of illegal immigrants. Moulton fired back at DHS in a [post](#) on X.

“Marcelo has been in the U.S. since he was 6 years old. Zero criminal record. You’re not making anyone safer by targeting him,” the ex-Marine claimed. “You’re just proving how far you’ll go to terrorize young people trying to build a future in this country.”

On its account, DHS criticized Moulton for bringing da Silva in for the State of the Union address. DHS also called out Democratic Sens. [John Hickenlooper](#) of Colorado and [Chuck Schumer](#) of New York for also bringing illegal immigrants to the address as guests.

[@RepMoulton](#) plans to bring illegal alien Marcelo Gomes DaSilva.

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— Homeland Security (@DHSgov) [February 25, 2026](#)

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Border czar Tom Homan told ESPN host Stephen A. Smith in a July 2025 [interview](#) that ICE agents would not ignore illegal immigrants they came across, even if they had no criminal record.

“Just because we’re prioritizing public safety threats doesn’t mean everybody else gets a pass,” Homan said.

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