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Dear Attorney General Bondi and Secretary Noem:

How many pardoned January 6th insurrectionists have been hired by your respective departments?

We know that several participants in the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol have been rewarded with high-ranking positions in the Department of Justice (DOJ). However, it remains unclear how many more have been invited to join the ranks of this Administration, including among the masked Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agents and officers that have dragged, tackled, beaten, tased, shot, and killed citizens and non-citizens alike in communities across the country.

On January 6, 2021, Jared Wise, then a former Supervisory Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), stormed his way into the Capitol Building. As he did so, he taunted and threatened police officers defending the building and the ones inside, screaming: “You guys are disgusting. I’m former—I’m former law enforcement. You’re disgusting. You are the Nazi. You are the Gestapo. You can’t see it. ... Shame on you! Shame on you! Shame on you!” Mr. Wise goaded and cheered on other rioters who were beating police officers, repeatedly chanting: “Yeah, fuck them! Yeah, kill ‘em!”<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Wise has never expressed remorse or contrition for his criminal actions. When President Trump issued his blanket pardon for January 6th rioters, Mr. Wise escaped accountability for two pending felony charges, civil disorder and assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers, as well as four other offenses, including unlawfully entering the Capitol.<sup>2</sup> All these charges were dismissed when President Trump pardoned Mr. Wise and nearly 1,600 other rioters, including hundreds of cop beaters, on his first day in office.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Comm. on the Judiciary, Democratic Staff Report, *Where Are They Now: The Perpetrators of January 6th and the Defenders of Democracy Who Stopped Them* (Jan. 2026), 6-7, <https://democrats-judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/democrats-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2026-01.hjc-dem-j6-where-are-they-now-report3.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

Today, Mr. Wise serves as senior adviser in the office of the Deputy Attorney General, alongside another January 6th participant, Ed Martin, the U.S. Pardon Attorney and head of the DOJ Weaponization Working Group.<sup>3</sup> A J6 enthusiast and defense counsel, Mr. Martin live-tweeted from the insurrection, likening the bloody mayhem to “Mardi Gras in DC.”<sup>4</sup> Together, Mr. Wise and Mr. Martin have led this Administration’s efforts to fire, demote, and harass the dedicated career prosecutors, FBI agents, and support personnel who did their professional and civic duty holding to account the persons who committed crimes on January 6th.

For its part, DHS seems to be courting pardoned January 6th insurrectionists. It uses white nationalist “dog whistles” in its recruitment campaign for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents that appear aimed at stirring members of extremist militias, including the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and Three Percenters, which participated in the insurrection.<sup>5</sup> The recruitment campaign began with a \$50,000 sign-on bonus, removal of the college degree requirement, and a relaxed vetting process.<sup>6</sup>

Unique among all law enforcement agencies and all branches of the armed services, ICE agents conceal their identities, wearing masks and removing names from their uniforms.

Why is that? Why do National Guard members, state, county, and local police officers, and members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines all routinely work unmasked while ICE agents work masked?

For the past year, these masked DHS agents and officers have terrorized communities, including more than 170 U.S. citizens who have been detained.<sup>7</sup> DHS officials knelt on the neck of a protester,<sup>8</sup> forced a family whose home they wrongfully raided to stand in the rain in their underwear in the middle of the night,<sup>9</sup> detained and battered multiple pregnant women at

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Ed Martin (@EagleEdMartin), X (Jan. 6, 2021), <https://x.com/EagleEdMartin/status/1346908666763636741>.

<sup>5</sup> Caleb Kieffer & R.G. Cravens, *Homeland Security Deploys White Nationalist, Anti-Immigrant Graphics to Recruit*, SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (Aug. 28, 2025), <https://www.splcenter.org/resources/hatewatch/dhs-white-nationalist-anti-immigrant-social-media/>.

<sup>6</sup> Julia Ainsley & Didi Martinez, *Some New ICE Recruits Have Shown Up to Training Without Full Vetting*, NBC NEWS (Oct. 22, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/new-ice-recruits-showed-training-full-vetting-rcna238739>.

<sup>7</sup> Nicole Foy, *We Found That More Than 170 U.S. Citizens Have Been Held by Immigration Agents. They’ve Been Kicked, Dragged and Detained for Days*, PROPUBLICA (Oct. 16, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/immigration-dhs-american-citizens-arrested-detained-against-will>.

<sup>8</sup> *Arrest of a Local Activist Sparks Concern*, KTLA 5 (Aug. 8, 2025), <https://ktla.com/video/arrest-of-a-local-activist-sparks-concern/10967685/>.

<sup>9</sup> Nicole Acevedo, *U.S.-Citizen Family ‘Traumatized’ After ICE Raided Their Oklahoma Home in Search of Someone Else*, (Apr. 30, 2025), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/us-citizen-family-traumatized-ice-raid-rcna203700>.

pre-natal checkups and their places of work,<sup>10</sup> and even brought along a “full camera crew production” for Secretary Noem to have her hair and makeup done so she could be photographed watching a family’s home get raided.<sup>11</sup> Of course, just last week, a masked ICE agent shot a mother of three at point-blank range as she attempted to drive away from him.<sup>12</sup> And that’s just what DHS has done to *Americans*. In the last year, hundreds of thousands of immigrants have been stopped, detained, and deported on the basis of little more than their skin color, appearance, job, or accent. At the hands of ICE and other immigration officials, these people have been shot,<sup>13</sup> entrapped,<sup>14</sup> denied medical care and access to counsel,<sup>15</sup> and physically and sexually abused.<sup>16</sup>

Who is hiding behind these masks? How many of them were among the violent rioters who attacked the Capitol on January 6th and were convicted of their offenses? The American people deserve to know how many of these violent insurrectionists have been given guns and badges by this Administration.

I request that you produce the following information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026:

1. A list identifying the name, position, job function, working unit, and total compensation package—including but not limited to signing bonuses, Law Enforcement Availability Pay, overtime, and enhanced retirement and loan repayment/forgiveness benefits—of all individuals employed by the Department of Justice or the Department of Homeland Security who have received and/or requested a presidential pardon from Donald Trump;

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<sup>10</sup> Nicole Foy, *We Found That More Than 170 U.S. Citizens Have Been Held by Immigration Agents. They’ve Been Kicked, Dragged and Detained for Days*, PROPUBLICA (Oct. 16, 2025), <https://www.propublica.org/article/immigration-dhs-american-citizens-arrested-detained-against-will>.

<sup>11</sup> Mekahlo Medina & Helen Jeong, *How U.S. Citizen in Huntington Park Found DHS Sec. Kristi Noem at Her Door*, NBC 4 (June 13, 2025), <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/how-u-s-citizen-in-huntington-park-found-dhs-sec-kristi-noem-at-her-door/3722903/>.

<sup>12</sup> Sakshi Venkatraman, *US Immigration Agent Fatally Shoots Woman in Minneapolis*, BBC (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0jvn14j1n4o>.

<sup>13</sup> Shannon Heffernan, *Before ICE Shooting, Immigration Agents Repeatedly Used Deadly Force*, LOUISIANA ILLUMINATOR (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://lailluminator.com/2026/01/08/ice-shooting/>.

<sup>14</sup> Joshua Goodman & Tim Sullivan, *They Thought They Were in Court for a Routine Immigration Hearing, But Walked into a Deportation Trap*, PBS (Nov. 19, 2025), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/they-thought-they-were-in-court-for-a-routine-immigration-hearing-but-walked-into-a-deportation-trap>.

<sup>15</sup> Claudia Lauer, *Senate Report Details Dozens of Cases of Medical Neglect in Federal Immigration Detention Centers*, PBS (Oct. 31, 2025), <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/senate-report-details-dozens-of-cases-of-medical-neglect-in-federal-immigration-detention-centers>; *Groups Sue Trump Administration Over Lack of Access to Counsel for People Held at Florida’s Notorious Everglades Immigration Detention Center*, ACLU (July 16, 2025), <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/groups-sue-trump-administration-over-lack-of-access-to-counsel-for-people-held-at-floridas-notorious-everglades-immigration-detention-center>.

<sup>16</sup> Haddy Hassama, *Detained Immigrants Detail Physical Abuse and Inhumane Conditions at Largest Immigration Detention Center in the U.S.*, ACLU (Dec. 8, 2025), <https://www.aclu.org/news/immigrants-rights/detained-immigrants-detail-physical-abuse-and-inhumane-conditions-at-largest-immigration-detention-center-in-the-u-s>.

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2. All records, documents, memos, and internal communications regarding the solicitation and hiring of anyone charged or investigated for actions in connection to the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol; and
3. All records, documents, memos, and internal communications regarding the decision to use, and the use of, face coverings by federal law enforcement agents to conceal their identities.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Jamie Raskin  
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman