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The Honorable Jim Jordan
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Dear Chairman Jordan:

We are demanding that Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kristi Noem appear before the Committee as soon as we are back in session to testify about the fatal shootings in Minneapolis of U.S. citizens Alex Jeffrey Pretti, an intensive care unit nurse who cared for American war veterans and was exercising his First Amendment right to photograph government agents and his Second Amendment right to carry a firearm, and Renée Nicole Good, an unarmed mother of three also exercising her rights to peacefully assemble and speak in public. The American people are outraged by these cold-blooded killings, and we demand accountability.

This Committee has devoted years of oversight to alleged First Amendment violations by social media companies and has subpoenaed foreign companies over censorship concerns abroad.¹ **Mr. Chairman: look what's happening right in front of our eyes.** Federal agents have shot dead two American citizens in the past two weeks for doing no more than exercising their fully protected rights to protest, observe, and record law enforcement in public.

Immediately after the shootings, Secretary Noem called both Mr. Pretti and Ms. Good “domestic terrorist[s]” without any basis at all.² The video evidence, viewed all across the nation and verified by multiple news outlets, directly contradicts DHS’s absurd account of the killings and all but establishes that they were without any legal or moral justification. Footage shows Mr. Pretti holding a cell phone, not a weapon, when he was wrestled to the ground by multiple agents

¹ See, e.g., Press Release, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, *Chairman Jordan Subpoenas Big Tech for Information on Foreign Censorship of American Speech* (Feb. 26, 2025), <https://judiciary.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairman-jordan-subpoenas-big-tech-information-foreign-censorship-american>.

² Maria Ramirez Uribe & Amy Sherman, *Experts Question Kristi Noem Calling Renée Good a ‘Domestic Terrorist.’ Here’s What It Means*, POLITICO (Jan. 8, 2026), <https://www.politifact.com/article/2026/jan/08/Renee-Good-Noem-domestic-terrorism-Minneapolis/>; Lauren Kaori Gurley et al., *ICU Nurse Fatally Shot by Border Patrol in Minneapolis Cared for Veterans*, WASH. POST (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2026/01/24/alex-pretti-minneapolis-shooting-victim/>.

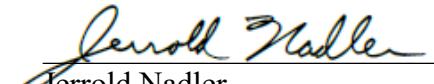
and shot multiple times in the back.³ It also appears to show agents removing a firearm from Mr. Pretti before another agent opened fire and slaughtered Mr. Pretti with ten shots.⁴ The Minneapolis Police Chief has confirmed that Mr. Pretti was a lawful gun owner with a valid permit to carry and no criminal record.⁵ Footage likewise shows that federal agents shot Ms. Good while she sat in her car observing an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operation. DHS similarly claimed that Ms. Good attempted to use her vehicle to run over ICE agents, but that is refuted by video footage which shows her turning her steering wheel *away* from the agent who shot her three times.⁶ Like Mr. Pretti, Ms. Good was observing and filming an ICE operation when she was killed.

The attempted cover-up by DHS requires an inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee. Mr. Chairman, if your commitment to the First and Second Amendments—not to mention the Fifth Amendment’s guarantee of due process—is genuine, as we have always believed it to be, then this Committee cannot look away when federal agents gun down Americans for peacefully exercising their constitutional rights. Members on both sides of the aisle are calling for answers. Our colleague on this Committee, Representative Michael Baumgartner, has publicly stated that he is “disturbed” by the videos, and Senator Bill Cassidy has called the events “incredibly disturbing” and added that “the credibility of ICE and DHS are at stake.”⁷ Indeed, the House Judiciary Committee website emphasizes that “the Committee’s oversight responsibility for the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security” is “[p]articularly important in our time.”⁸ Yet not a single witness from DHS has appeared before this Committee during this Congress—not one.

We therefore request that the Committee immediately call DHS Secretary Kristi Noem to come testify before the full Committee about the conduct of federal agents in Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,


Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member


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³ Brenna T. Smith et al., *Videos Contradict U.S. Account of Minneapolis Shooting by Federal Agents*, WALL ST. J. (Jan. 24, 2026), <https://www.wsj.com/us-news/videos-contradict-u-s-account-of-minneapolis-shooting-by-federal-agents-fbe1e488>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ Chadelis Duster, *5 Things to Know About the Latest Minneapolis Shooting*, NPR (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.npr.org/2026/01/25/nx-s1-5687361/minneapolis-shooting-latest-alex-pretti>.

⁶ Eric Henderson et al., *ICE Agent Shoots, Kills U.S. Citizen Renee Good in South Minneapolis*, CBS NEWS (Jan. 9, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/live-updates/minneapolis-ice-agent-shooting-protesters-clash-fbi-investigation/>.

⁷ Congressman Michael Baumgartner (@RepBaumgartner), X (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://x.com/repbaumgartner/status/2015240234724942250>; Steven Sloan, *Some Republicans Express Concern Over the Tactics Used in Minnesota and Urge Shooting Investigation*, ABC NEWS (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/republicans-express-concern-tactics-minnesota-urge-shooting-investigation-129543773>.

⁸ *About the Committee*, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, <https://judiciary.house.gov/about> (last accessed Jan. 25, 2026).



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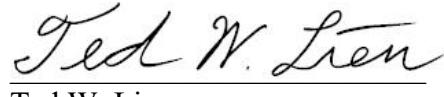
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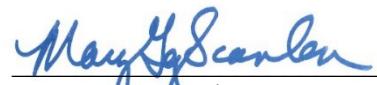
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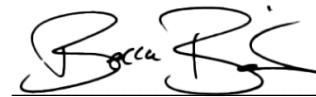
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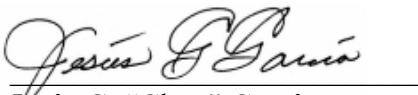
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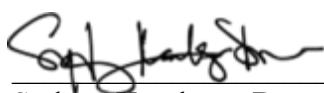
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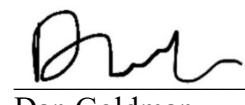
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