

**Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail**

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The Honorable Sen. Markwayne Mullin  
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**Re: Statements from DHS Officials regarding ICE, immigration enforcement at polling locations**

Dear Senator Mullin:

As the nominee for Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the undersigned Secretaries of State seek your confirmation of Department of Homeland Security policy.

On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, federal agencies hosted a briefing for state election officials regarding federal resources for the 2026 election cycle. This call featured Heather Honey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elections Integrity in the Office of Strategy, Policy & Plans at the Department of Homeland Security, as well as key personnel from the US Elections Assistance Commission, US Postal Inspection Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Justice.

During the call, Honey stated the following when asked by an elected Secretary of State about whether states would receive advance notice if and when ICE agents were sent to polling locations: “Any suggestion that ICE is going to be present at polling places is simply disinformation. There will be no ICE presence at polling locations.”

Following that statement, former Secretary Noem appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 and stated, “There are no plans to have ICE officers at our polling locations.”

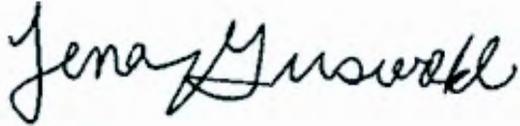
As our states’ Chief Election Officials, we ask you to confirm in writing that it is or will be the policy of the Department of Homeland Security that ICE and other immigration enforcement personnel will not have a presence at voting and election administration locations during the 2026 elections.

Please confirm – as nominee for Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security – is this and will this be the official position of the Department of Homeland Security and you as Secretary?

We have heard concerns from many of our constituents about potential voter intimidation that would arise from an armed law enforcement presence at polling locations. As such, we believe it is in the public interest to have a clear understanding of this policy from your office.

We recognize that your tenure as Secretary would not begin until March 31st. We respectfully request a response by close of business on Wednesday, April 8th.

Sincerely,



Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold



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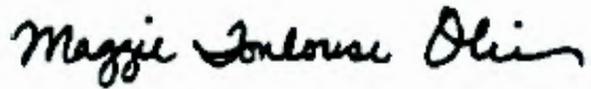
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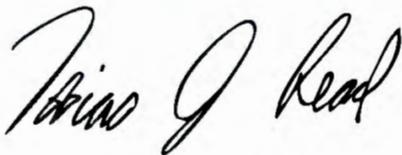
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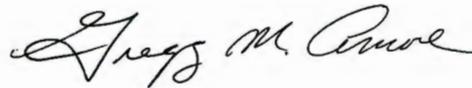
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