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Public statements from the Department have been somewhat reassuring that DHS will not divert resources from its ongoing election security work, but they are not conclusive.8 Accordingly, pursuant to Rule X(3)(g) and Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, we respectfully request you provide a written response to the following information, and whatever supplementary information you deem responsive, by January 26, 2018:

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8 Dustin Volz & Julia Harte, “DHS Election Unit Has No Plans for Probing Voter Fraud: Sources,” Reuters (Jan 5, 2018), available at https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-dhs/dhs-election-unit-has-no-plans-for-probing-voter-fraud-sources-idUSKBN1L91YF?feedType=RSS&feedName=politicsNews (citing a DHS official who said that the Department would continue “to work in support of state governments who are responsible for administering elections, with efforts focused on securing elections against those who seek to undermine the election system or its integrity.”).
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Alison Northrop, Chief Director for Oversight, at (202) 226-2616.

Sincerely,

Bennie G. Thompson
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Issued on: January 3, 2018

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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Adding a few folks and reattaching the EO. Need an assessment pronto NLT 10pm
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Unless we have any more clarity, here's a rough draft of a very brief holding statement. I welcome feedback.

is also trying to run it to ground
President Donald Trump is dissolving a controversial commission that was charged with investigating his unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud during the 2016 election, the White House said Wednesday.

Trump asked the Department of Homeland Security to look into the issue instead.

"Despite substantial evidence of voter fraud, many states have refused to provide the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity with basic information relevant to its inquiry," a White House statement said. "Rather than engage in endless legal battles at taxpayer expense, today I signed an executive order to dissolve the Commission."

Read more: https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/03/trump-disbands-voter-fraud-commission-322621

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Pamela:

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Please send consolidated comments back to me. Thank you.

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NOTE: ESEC sent set 2 of 2 earlier today.

All:

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DHS Witnesses:  John Kelly – DHS Secretary

QFR Breakdown by Sen. /Rep.:

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Is CBP's Congressional Justification accurate?
Question#: 1

Topic: CBP’s Congressional Justification

Hearing: The Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request

Primary: The Honorable Claire McCaskill

Committee: HOMELAND SECURITY (SENATE)

Question: Was the Southwest Border Capability Roadmap completed in April 2017? If so, when will you provide the Committee with a copy of the Southwest Border Capability Roadmap?
**Question:** As it relates to land at issue in the placement of new border wall identified in the FY 2018 budget, how many parcels of unacquired land have been identified?

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**Question:** Have the affected property owners been contacted and, if so, how?

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Has CBP selected either the "Threat & Need Based" or "Southwest Border Only" staffing option? Given an additional 5,000 Border Patrol Agents as called for in Executive Order 13767, how many additional Agents will Border Patrol assign to the northern border?
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Has DHS generated any reports, including but not limited to the 90-day progress reports that were required by Executive Orders 13767 and 13768? If so, for each report that has been generated in adherence with Executive Orders 13767 and 13768, please provide the date on which the reports were transmitted to the President.

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Regarding CBP's progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

A description of the initiatives CBP is implementing in order to expedite the hiring of additional personnel;
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Topic: CBP’s Progress

Hearing: The Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request

Primary: The Honorable Claire McCaskill

Committee: HOMELAND SECURITY (SENATE)

Question: A description of CBP’s plans for hiring additional CBP officers at our nation’s ports of entry, given the statement in the draft progress report that “improving border security to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terror, also necessitates the hiring of additional CBP Officers”; and
Question: The CBP-wide agency plan to expand the 287(g) program and enhance border security efforts with state and local law enforcement agencies.
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Regarding ICE’s progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

The field guidance ICE issued to each of its operational programs on February 21, 2017;

A list of each detention facility where capacity has been added since January 25, 2017, the number of detention beds that have been added at each facility, and the name of each entity that operates each detention facility;

A list of the 27 potential locations capable of providing 21,000 additional bed spaces that ICE has identified.
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Regarding USCIS’s progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

The revised – and unrevised – instructions on the proper application of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA);
Question: The report on the “vulnerabilities in the asylum program and steps to be taken to mitigate/eliminate such vulnerabilities” that was referenced in the draft progress report.
**Question:** The President's FY 2018 budget request would increase DHS's overall net discretionary budget authority by $2.8 billion - or 6.8 percent - compared to annualized levels contained in the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution (CR) while significantly reducing staffing and spending at the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The President requested a reduction of $3.2 million - or 2.3 percent - for the OIG compared to the FY 2017 CR. Compared to spending levels contained in the FY 2017 omnibus spending bill Congress approved in May, the President's request would reduce funding for the OIG by $17 million - or 9.7 percent.

Do you support the President's request to reduce funding for the OIG in FY 2018? Why or why not?

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**Question:** Do you believe that when the overall budget authority at DHS increases, the budget for the OIG should grow proportionally?

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Question: The President’s budget request would reduce funding by more than $500 million for DHS programs intended to build state and local resilience to terrorist attacks. The proposed cuts include $156.1 million to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), $117.6 million to the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), $70.7 million to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program, $52.2 million to the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), $52.2 million to the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), $45 million to the Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Program, $43 million for Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) teams, $39 million for the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) program, and $10 million for the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) grant program.

Given the number and magnitude of threats facing our country, do you support the President’s request to reduce funding for these counterterrorism programs in FY 2018? Why or why not?
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Question: The President's FY 2018 budget request would reduce funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program by $41.1 million. This is a program that supports various initiatives aimed at mitigating against natural disasters before they occur, such as retrofitting public buildings against hurricane-force winds or seismic damage, acquiring and relocating properties out of flood-prone areas, elevating structures that lie within a floodplain, flood-proofing public buildings, managing vegetation to mitigate against wildfires, and constructing or converting public spaces into safe rooms in tornado-prone areas. Discretionary funding for the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP's) Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program (Risk MAP) would also be reduced by $189.6 million. Based on FEMA's map inventory, 98.8% of the U.S. population is covered by an existing flood map; however, many of the maps do not account for recent population growth and development and were produced using outdated technology.

Do you support the President's request to reduce funding for the PDM grant program and Risk MAP in FY 2018? Why or why not?

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Question: To which countries has the Federal Air Marshal Service provided training to develop or enhance its own Air Marshal program? To any other countries? Please list the countries that have participated in the last year and the countries that will participate through 2018 and describe the training.
**Question:** On June 12, 2017, Governor Eric Greitens signed legislation aimed at bringing the state of Missouri into compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005. As DHS Secretary, you have the authority, once an extension is requested, to grant extensions to non-compliant states that have taken legislative action to come into compliance with the provisions of the REAL ID Act.

Have you or other DHS officials reviewed the legislation that Governor Greitens signed into law on June 12, 2017?

Do you intend to grant an extension to the state of Missouri once a request is made?
Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach was quoted in The Kansas City Star on May 11, 2017 as saying that the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, created by Executive Order 13799, would have full-time staff from the Office of the Vice President and the Department of Homeland Security.

Are you aware of any plans to staff the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity with DHS employees? If so, what office within DHS will staff the Commission, how many DHS employees will staff the Commission, and what is DHS’s anticipated annual budget for the Commission?
**Question:** Under Section 543 of Division F of the FY 2017 omnibus spending legislation, you were given the authority, after consultation with the Secretary of Labor and upon determining that there are not American workers who are willing, qualified, and able to perform nonagricultural labor, to raise the annual cap on H-2B visas by an amount not exceeding the number of “returning workers” who were exempted from the H-2B cap in any previous fiscal year.

Have you determined whether you will raise the H-2B visa cap for the remainder of FY 2017? If so, how many additional H-2B visas will be available for the remainder of the fiscal year?
**Question:** The U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) complex mission to provide security, facilitate operations, and manage 328 ports of entry (POEs) throughout the country in partnership with the General Services Administration (GSA). In both 2010 and 2014, CBP provided the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security with a report, National Land Border Ports of Entry Assessment, which lists current POE infrastructure and explains their various needs.

Please provide an updated report if it is available. Please provide the below information if it is not provided in the updated report:

A list of all land POEs that includes:

Modes of access (truck or rail crossings) and current infrastructure (number of lanes or rail lines)

Annual commercial traffic volume by mode (truck and rail)

Average traffic crossing wait time (truck and rail)

Ownership structure (CBP, GSA, state or local government, private partnership)

A prioritized list of land POE commercial traffic infrastructure needs that includes:

Estimated costs for completion

Age of infrastructure since last refurbishment

Ongoing infrastructure projects

Land POE commercial traffic funding in the last 10 years, including:

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**Question**: Please provide a list of all electronic device search software that the Department has purchased from 2007 through the present. State the contract number for each purchase, the date of the purchase, and the name of the developer and seller of the software.

For all electronic device search software that DHS has purchased from 2007 to the present, please provide a detailed explanation of the Department's intended purpose in using the software, as well as any policies and guidelines that govern the potential use of the software.
**Question:** Secretary Kelly, do you agree that a wall to secure the southern border of the United States may consist of fences, drones, towers, personnel, and/or hardware and software technologies to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking and acts of terrorism?

**Question:** How will $1.59 billion investment in a physical wall advance this definition?
Question: $197.2 million is proposed to provide southwest border technology, which is approximately 12% of $1.59 billion budget for a physical wall. According to your assessment, is this sufficient to provide the technological surveillance necessary to achieve a virtual wall that will more effectively secure our border?
Question: There are 18,000 Border Patrol agents. Last month, there were 12,000 apprehensions. That is less than 1 apprehension per agent over the entire month. With the number of apprehensions dropping, do we need an additional 5,000 Border Patrol agents rather than use those resources elsewhere to prevent the entry of manufactured narcotics?

Question: With an increase in CBP officers, has there been an increase in effectiveness in preventing manufactured heroin from crossing the border and ports of entry?
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**Question:** In fiscal year 2016, $750 million was appropriated to address root causes to deter and prevent children and families in the Northern Triangle from illegally immigrating to the U.S. Although a budget was drafted, there is no public data as to the effectiveness of the program and how the fund was allocated. How will the $7.94 billion budget request for immigration and customs enforcement address the issue of unaccompanied minors in the United States?
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Question#: 21  

Topic: Cyber Activities  

Hearing: The Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request  

Primary: The Honorable John McCain  

Committee: HOMELAND SECURITY (SENATE)  

Question: Our greatest collective frustration has been the lack of any direction from this administration or the lack on how we should be deterring our adversaries in cyberspace. With $971.3 million being budgeted for cyber activities, how could an overly strict interpretation of sovereignty limit or impair the Department of Defense's ability to plan or employ offensive cyber capabilities?
Question: Additional $42.3 million is allocated to allow the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) to protect private sector entities through the Enhanced Cybersecurity Services program. What is the intersection between the civilian hub, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC), Federal entities, and non-Federal entities, including the private sector?
Question: The President's budget states that Science and Technology Directorate assesses that capabilities at the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) can be replicated at other facilities. If NBACC is closed as proposed in the President's budget, which specific agencies or organizations will assume responsibility for supporting the threat characterization currently conducted by NBACC? Has DHS coordinated with these entities? Were similar determinations and plans made for the Chemical Security Analysis Center (CSAC)?
**Question:** I understand NBACC has already received notification that the organization should begin developing a closure plan. Given the dependency of any such closing on Congressional action, what steps are you planning to take, if any, regarding the closure of NBACC following the completion of the closure plan and prior to the completion of the Congressional authorization and appropriations process for FY2018?
Question: At the hearing you stated that the Coast Guard plans to buy six icebreakers, three heavy and three medium. Does the current acquisition plan of record for the Polar Icebreaker Program reflect this intention?

Question: The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-120), Section 207, POLAR ICEBREAKERS, states: "(a) INCREMENTAL FUNDING AUTHORIZED FOR POLAR ICEBREAKERS - In fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commandant of the Coast Guard may enter into a contract or contracts for the acquisition of Polar Icebreakers and associated equipment using incremental funding." (§207(a))

This authorization provides the Coast Guard with the ability to enter into a contract or contracts to acquire as many new Polar Icebreakers as are required - as long as the Coast Guard uses the incremental funding acquisition process. I understand that the current Polar Icebreaker acquisition process now being executed by the Coast Guard does not take advantage of this authorization. What evaluation process occurred prior to the Coast Guard decision not to enter into a contract or contracts to acquire as many Polar Icebreakers as are required using the incremental acquisition process? Was a formal cost-evaluation completed to compare the existing Polar Icebreaker acquisition process and a block buy incremental acquisition process? If not, why not?
**Question:** I understand that FEMA is conducting a review of the risk methodology used to determine Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) allocations. What is the schedule for that review and what is the plan to incorporate Congressional and stakeholder input?
Question: For the last several years, I have been a strong advocate for the Department of Homeland Security's Headquarters Consolidation at St Elizabeths. I firmly believe that finishing the DHS headquarters would improve our national security, increase morale and productivity at the Department, and save money for the taxpayers.

The President's budget proposes $135 million for GSA's portion of DHS Consolidation at St Elizabeths but does not include DHS funding for new development at the site.

As you know, GSA is largely responsible for infrastructure investments at the site, while DHS is responsible for tenant renovations and improvements.

Can you please share your vision for Headquarters consolidation? Is the current funding request enough to keep the project on schedule?

Question: Have other Administration infrastructure priorities for DHS, such as building a border wall, shifted resources away from DHS Headquarters consolidation at St. Es?
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**Question:** Cybersecurity breaches, such as the “WannaCry” ransomware attack last month, are becoming more common and increasingly rely not on expensive or sophisticated technology, but on a combination of common software bugs and user error.

It is important that the Department have the resources it needs—including qualified cybersecurity professionals—to help work with private sector partners and federal agencies to detect, mitigate, and respond to such attacks.

Please provide an update on the Department’s progress in hiring and training qualified cybersecurity professionals.

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Question: What portion of the increased cybersecurity funding will go to building up DHS’s cyber workforce?
Question: Last year in the wake of the attacks on the airport in Brussels, the Senate voted 91 to 5 for an amendment to double the number of TSA Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response, or VIPR teams. These teams patrol our airports and public transit spaces in order to deter and respond to terrorist attacks. The provision, which I worked on with a number of my colleagues including Senator Heinrich, was ultimately signed into law. Instead of funding the doubled teams, the President's FY2018 budget request cuts the number of VIPR teams to eight.

Please explain how this proposed cut is justified in light of increased attacks on soft targets.
Question: Senator Harris and I sent a letter to DHS last month asking a number of questions about ICE’s use of private, for-profit detention facilities.

As you know, an outside panel last year reviewed these facilities and found that these facilities are generally less safe than publicly run facilities, and made a number of recommendations for their improvement.

I believe we requested a reply to that letter by next week (June 12th). I have not a question for you but a request. Can you please commit to reviewing our letter carefully and providing a thorough response to our questions?
More incoming!! See [b](5)

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Please send consolidated comments back to me. Thank you.

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All:

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DHS Witnesses: John Kelly – DHS Secretary
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16 questions from Sen. McCaskill (D-MO)

6 questions from Sen. McCain (R-AZ)

4 questions from Sen. Portman (R-OH)

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If there is still time to make a substitute, please use the attached version.

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Question: In testimony on April 5, 2017 you assured me that you would "absolutely" provide the Committee with a copy of the requests made by Border Patrol sector chiefs regarding where additional infrastructure and technology should be deployed along the Southwest border as soon as you received the requests. A month later, in a May 5 letter, I again requested "full copies of the prioritized operational requirements for border barrier that the Border Patrol has identified." According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Congressional Justification, the very same document I requested and you assured me you would provide the Committee - the Southwest Border Capability Roadmap - was completed by U.S. Border Patrol in April 2017. According to CBP, the roadmap "identifies updated operational requirements needed to achieve operational control of the southern border" and was used to inform DHS's decision to spend $2.6 billion on 74 miles of border barrier along the Southwest border in addition to high-priority tactical infrastructure and border security technology improvements in FY 2018.

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**Question**: Was the Southwest Border Capability Roadmap completed in April 2017? If so, when will you provide the Committee with a copy of the Southwest Border Capability Roadmap?
**Question:** As it relates to land at issue in the placement of new border wall identified in the FY 2018 budget, how many parcels of unacquired land have been identified?

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**Question:** Have the affected property owners been contacted and, if so, how?

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**Question:** In March, an internal CBP memo regarding the hire of an additional 5,000 Border Patrol Agents referenced plans for staff distribution that were either "Threat & Need Based" or for the "Southwest Border Only." While I understand that most new Border Patrol Agents begin their careers at the southern border for training purposes, I am concerned that this memo contemplates a scenario where no additional new or existing agents are deployed to the northern border.

Has CBP selected either the "Threat & Need Based" or "Southwest Border Only" staffing option? Given an additional 5,000 Border Patrol Agents as called for in Executive Order 13767, how many additional Agents will Border Patrol assign to the northern border?
Question: On March 2, 2017, I requested all reports generated by Executive Orders 13767, "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements," 13768, "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States," and 13769, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" as soon as they are finalized. These reports include but are not limited to 90-day progress reports to the President regarding implementation of Executive Orders 13767 and 13768, both of which were due no later than April 25, 2017. To date, no reports required by the executive orders have been provided to the Committee. You stated in a letter dated June 9, 2017 that no reports have been generated under Executive Order 13769. You explained in your testimony that the ongoing litigation over Executive Order 13769 prevented the Department from completing these reports. With regard to Executive Orders 13767 and 13768, you stated that "DHS will work with the Committee to exchange information in a timely and appropriate manner."

Has DHS generated any reports, including but not limited to the 90-day progress reports that were required by Executive Orders 13767 and 13768? If so, for each report that has been generated in adherence with Executive Orders 13767 and 13768, please provide the date on which the reports were transmitted to the President.

Will you commit to providing the Committee with copies of all reports that have already been generated under Executive Orders 13767 and 13768, and will you commit to providing the Committee with copies of all future reports required by Executive Orders 13767 and 13768 when they are transmitted to the President?
Question: On April 12, 2017, The Washington Post published an article citing a draft version of the 90-day progress report required under Executive Order 13767. The draft report described CBP's, Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's), and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS's) progress in updating operational programs, deploying additional detention facilities, hiring 15,000 Border Patrol agents and immigration officers, entering into 287(g) agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, and responding to requests for asylum.

Regarding CBP's progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

A description of the initiatives CBP is implementing in order to expedite the hiring of additional personnel;

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Question: A description of CBP’s plans for hiring additional CBP officers at our nation’s ports of entry, given the statement in the draft progress report that “improving border security to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terror, also necessitates the hiring of additional CBP Officers”; and
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Regarding ICE’s progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

The field guidance ICE issued to each of its operational programs on February 21, 2017;

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A list of each detention facility where capacity has been added since January 25, 2017, the number of detention beds that have been added at each facility, and the name of each entity that operates each detention facility;

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A list of the 27 potential locations capable of providing 21,000 additional bed spaces that ICE has identified.

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Regarding USCIS’s progress in implementing Executive Order 13767, I ask for:

The revised – and unrevised – instructions on the proper application of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA);
Question: The report on the “vulnerabilities in the asylum program and steps to be taken to mitigate/eliminate such vulnerabilities” that was referenced in the draft progress report.
Question: The President's FY 2018 budget request would increase DHS's overall net discretionary budget authority by $2.8 billion - or 6.8 percent - compared to annualized levels contained in the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution (CR) while significantly reducing staffing and spending at the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The President requested a reduction of $3.2 million - or 2.3 percent - for the OIG compared to the FY 2017 CR. Compared to spending levels contained in the FY 2017 omnibus spending bill Congress approved in May, the President's request would reduce funding for the OIG by $17 million - or 9.7 percent.

Do you support the President's request to reduce funding for the OIG in FY 2018? Why or why not?

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Question: Do you believe that when the overall budget authority at DHS increases, the budget for the OIG should grow proportionally?

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Question: The President's budget request would reduce funding by more than $500 million for DHS programs intended to build state and local resilience to terrorist attacks. The proposed cuts include $156.1 million to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), $117.6 million to the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), $70.7 million to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program, $52.2 million to the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), $52.2 million to the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP), $45 million to the Law Enforcement Officer Reimbursement Program, $43 million for Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) teams, $39 million for the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks (CCTA) program, and $10 million for the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) grant program.

Given the number and magnitude of threats facing our country, do you support the President's request to reduce funding for these counterterrorism programs in FY 2018? Why or why not?
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Question: The President's FY 2018 budget request would reduce funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program by $41.1 million. This is a program that supports various initiatives aimed at mitigating against natural disasters before they occur, such as retrofitting public buildings against hurricane-force winds or seismic damage, acquiring and relocating properties out of flood-prone areas, elevating structures that lie within a floodplain, flood-proofing public buildings, managing vegetation to mitigate against wildfires, and constructing or converting public spaces into safe rooms in tornado-prone areas. Discretionary funding for the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP's) Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Program (Risk MAP) would also be reduced by $189.6 million. Based on FEMA's map inventory, 98.8% of the U.S. population is covered by an existing flood map; however, many of the maps do not account for recent population growth and development and were produced using outdated technology.

Do you support the President's request to reduce funding for the PDM grant program and Risk MAP in FY 2018? Why or why not?

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**Question**: To which countries has the Federal Air Marshal Service provided training to develop or enhance its own Air Marshal program? To any other countries? Please list the countries that have participated in the last year and the countries that will participate through 2018 and describe the training.
Question: On June 12, 2017, Governor Eric Greitens signed legislation aimed at bringing the state of Missouri into compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005. As DHS Secretary, you have the authority, once an extension is requested, to grant extensions to non-compliant states that have taken legislative action to come into compliance with the provisions of the REAL ID Act.

Have you or other DHS officials reviewed the legislation that Governor Greitens signed into law on June 12, 2017?

Do you intend to grant an extension to the state of Missouri once a request is made?
Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach was quoted in The Kansas City Star on May 11, 2017 as saying that the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, created by Executive Order 13799, would have full-time staff from the Office of the Vice President and the Department of Homeland Security.

Are you aware of any plans to staff the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity with DHS employees? If so, what office within DHS will staff the Commission, how many DHS employees will staff the Commission, and what is DHS’s anticipated annual budget for the Commission?
**Question**: Under Section 543 of Division F of the FY 2017 omnibus spending legislation, you were given the authority, after consultation with the Secretary of Labor and upon determining that there are not American workers who are willing, qualified, and able to perform nonagricultural labor, to raise the annual cap on H-2B visas by an amount not exceeding the number of “returning workers” who were exempted from the H-2B cap in any previous fiscal year.

Have you determined whether you will raise the H-2B visa cap for the remainder of FY 2017? If so, how many additional H-2B visas will be available for the remainder of the fiscal year?
Question: The U.S. Customs and Border Protections (CBP) complex mission to provide security, facilitate operations, and manage 328 ports of entry (POEs) throughout the country in partnership with the General Services Administration (GSA). In both 2010 and 2014, CBP provided the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security with a report, National Land Border Ports of Entry Assessment, which lists current POE infrastructure and explains their various needs.

Please provide an updated report if it is available. Please provide the below information if it is not provided in the updated report:

A list of all land POEs that includes:

- Modes of access (truck or rail crossings) and current infrastructure (number of lanes or rail lines)
- Annual commercial traffic volume by mode (truck and rail)
- Average traffic crossing wait time (truck and rail)
- Ownership structure (CBP, GSA, state or local government, private partnership)

A prioritized list of land POE commercial traffic infrastructure needs that includes:

- Estimated costs for completion
- Age of infrastructure since last refurbishment
- Ongoing infrastructure projects

Land POE commercial traffic funding in the last 10 years, including:

- Spending at CBP and GSA sites
- Appropriations for CBP and GSA sites.
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**Question**: Please provide a list of all electronic device search software that the Department has purchased from 2007 through the present. State the contract number for each purchase, the date of the purchase, and the name of the developer and seller of the software.

For all electronic device search software that DHS has purchased from 2007 to the present, please provide a detailed explanation of the Department's intended purpose in using the software, as well as any policies and guidelines that govern the potential use of the software.
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**Question:** Secretary Kelly, do you agree that a wall to secure the southern border of the United States may consist of fences, drones, towers, personnel, and/or hardware and software technologies to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking and acts of terrorism?

**Question:** How will $1.59 billion investment in a physical wall advance this definition?
**Question:** $197.2 million is proposed to provide southwest border technology, which is approximately 12% of $1.59 billion budget for a physical wall. According to your assessment, is this sufficient to provide the technological surveillance necessary to achieve a virtual wall that will more effectively secure our border?
**Question**: There are 18,000 Border Patrol agents. Last month, there were 12,000 apprehensions. That is less than 1 apprehension per agent over the entire month. With the number of apprehensions dropping, do we need an additional 5,000 Border Patrol agents rather than use those resources elsewhere to prevent the entry of manufactured narcotics?

**Question**: With an increase in CBP officers, has there been an increase in effectiveness in preventing manufactured heroin from crossing the border and ports of entry?
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**Question**: In fiscal year 2016, $750 million was appropriated to address root causes to deter and prevent children and families in the Northern Triangle from illegally immigrating to the U.S. Although a budget was drafted, there is no public data as to the effectiveness of the program and how the fund was allocated. How will the $7.94 billion budget request for immigration and customs enforcement address the issue of unaccompanied minors in the United States?
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Question: Our greatest collective frustration has been the lack of any direction from this administration or the lack on how we should be deterring our adversaries in cyberspace. With $971.3 million being budgeted for cyber activities, how could an overly strict interpretation of sovereignty limit or impair the Department of Defense's ability to plan or employ offensive cyber capabilities?
**Question:** Additional $42.3 million is allocated to allow the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) to protect private sector entities through the Enhanced Cybersecurity Services program. What is the intersection between the civilian hub, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC), Federal entities, and non-Federal entities, including the private sector?
**Question:** The President's budget states that Science and Technology Directorate assesses that capabilities at the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center (NBACC) can be replicated at other facilities. If NBACC is closed as proposed in the President's budget, which specific agencies or organizations will assume responsibility for supporting the threat characterization currently conducted by NBACC? Has DHS coordinated with these entities? Were similar determinations and plans made for the Chemical Security Analysis Center (CSAC)?
**Question**: I understand NBACC has already received notification that the organization should begin developing a closure plan. Given the dependency of any such closing on Congressional action, what steps are you planning to take, if any, regarding the closure of NBACC following the completion of the closure plan and prior to the completion of the Congressional authorization and appropriations process for FY2018?

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Question: At the hearing you stated that the Coast Guard plans to buy six icebreakers, three heavy and three medium. Does the current acquisition plan of record for the Polar Icebreaker Program reflect this intention?

Question: The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-120), Section 207, POLAR ICEBREAKERS, states: "(a) INCREMENTAL FUNDING AUTHORIZED FOR POLAR ICEBREAKERS - In fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Commandant of the Coast Guard may enter into a contract or contracts for the acquisition of Polar Icebreakers and associated equipment using incremental funding." (§207(a)) This authorization provides the Coast Guard with the ability to enter into a contract or contracts to acquire as many new Polar Icebreakers as are required - as long as the Coast Guard uses the incremental funding acquisition process. I understand that the current Polar Icebreaker acquisition process now being executed by the Coast Guard does not take advantage of this authorization. What evaluation process occurred prior to the Coast Guard decision not to enter into a contract or contracts to acquire as many Polar Icebreakers as are required using the incremental acquisition process? Was a formal cost-evaluation completed to compare the existing Polar Icebreaker acquisition process and a block buy incremental acquisition process? If not, why not?
**Question:** I understand that FEMA is conducting a review of the risk methodology used to determine Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) allocations. What is the schedule for that review and what is the plan to incorporate Congressional and stakeholder input?
Question: For the last several years, I have been a strong advocate for the Department of Homeland Security's Headquarters Consolidation at St Elizabeths. I firmly believe that finishing the DHS headquarters would improve our national security, increase morale and productivity at the Department, and save money for the taxpayers.

The President's budget proposes $135 million for GSA’s portion of DHS Consolidation at St Elizabeths but does not include DHS funding for new development at the site.

As you know, GSA is largely responsible for infrastructure investments at the site, while DHS is responsible for tenant renovations and improvements.

Can you please share your vision for Headquarters consolidation? Is the current funding request enough to keep the project on schedule?

Question: Have other Administration infrastructure priorities for DHS, such as building a border wall, shifted resources away from DHS Headquarters consolidation at St. Es?
**Question:** Cybersecurity breaches, such as the “WannaCry” ransomware attack last month, are becoming more common and increasingly rely not on expensive or sophisticated technology, but on a combination of common software bugs and user error.

It is important that the Department have the resources it needs—including qualified cybersecurity professionals—to help work with private sector partners and federal agencies to detect, mitigate, and respond to such attacks.

Please provide an update on the Department’s progress in hiring and training qualified cybersecurity professionals.
Question: What portion of the increased cybersecurity funding will go to building up DHS’s cyber workforce?