

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 14, 2021

Mr. Tae D. Johnson  
Acting Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Department of Homeland Security  
500 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Acting Director Johnson:

I write today regarding the Biden administration's decision to award an \$86 million contract to the nonprofit, Family Endeavors.<sup>1</sup> Recent media reports allege that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) "did not solicit bids" for this contract "whose leadership [Family Endeavors] has ties to the White House."<sup>2</sup> In response to media attention on the contract, ICE cited "unusual and compelling urgency" as justification to award the no-bid contract.<sup>3</sup>

To better understand the reasons why ICE unilaterally awarded this contract to Family Endeavors, please provide the following material no later than April 28, 2021:

1. All emails regarding ICE's review of and decision on this contract. Please include any communications between and among ICE employees and employees or representatives of Family Endeavors.
2. All materials that support the claim that "unusual and compelling urgency" led to the no-bid contract to Family Endeavors.
3. The required justification and approval document for this contract notes that "Family Endeavors, Inc. is the only known source that is presently capable of meeting the Government's urgent requirement[s]" on this matter.<sup>4</sup> Please explain how ICE made this determination.

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<sup>1</sup> Stef W. Kight, *Scoop: ICE securing hotel rooms to hold growing number of migrant families*, AXIOS (March 20, 2021) <https://www.axios.com/ice-hotel-rooms-border-migrant-families-7682092b-952c-428e-ae3b-f8b2d4072c0a.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Anna Giaritelli, *Exclusive: ICE gave \$87M no-bid contract to business with Biden ties, raising conflict of interest questions*, Wash. Examiner, (April 7, 2021) <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/biden-ice-gave-87m-no-bid-contract-conflict-of-interest>.

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

<sup>4</sup> Justification for other than full and open competition, J&A-21-0066, Mar. 29, 2021, *available at* [https://beta.sam.gov/api/prod/opps/v3/opportunities/resources/files/711e00d1c97a4168a234d13efe522c09/download?api\\_key=null&token=](https://beta.sam.gov/api/prod/opps/v3/opportunities/resources/files/711e00d1c97a4168a234d13efe522c09/download?api_key=null&token=).

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ron Johnson  
Ranking Member  
Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations