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Acting Director David J. Venturella
United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Acting Director Venturella:

As you are aware, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently decided to deploy gloves capable of delivering electric shocks. I understand that our immigration officers continue to face an increasing number of threats and that all their actions in the field are subject to ICE's "Use of Force Policy." I believe enforcement and dignity need not be mutually exclusive. To that end and because this is a new technology, I respectfully request written responses to the below questions and requests by no later than August 27, 2026.

- When did ICE decide to implement the use of these gloves in the field?
- How did ICE determine that the use of these gloves would be needed in the field?
 - What specific information supported that determination?
- Are there particular use-cases the agency has in mind for this equipment? What are they?
- Are the gloves meant to be widely available to all immigration enforcement officers?
- What safety testing data, if any, is available concerning the product ICE intends to use in the field?
- Is there safety data available from a source independent of the manufacturer and seller of the gloves?
- Please provide all available safety and testing data concerning the gloves ICE intends to use or will use in the field.
- Is ICE familiar with other federal or state and local law enforcement agencies using this or similar technology?
- What information and evaluation exists concerning existing uses of these gloves?
- What is the estimated cost of each glove?
- How will what the agency pays compare to what other customers purchasing the same equipment pay?
- How do ICE's specific needs justify the use of these gloves?
- Reporting suggests the agency selected the glove product provider through a no-bid contract. What process did the agency engage in to select the product provider? What specific criteria did the agency evaluate when selecting the product provider? Was it a no-bid contract?
- How will the agency conduct training for the use of the product?
- How often will that training occur for each officer?
- How, if at all, will that training differ from the agency's existing training?

Sincerely,



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