

United States Senate

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William M. Blier
Deputy Inspector General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Washington, D.C. 20630

Dear Deputy Inspector General Blier:

In light of recent news that Tom Homan, White House Border Czar, is now leading immigration operations in Minnesota after the unjustified and brutal killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, I write to request an Inspector General investigation into Mr. Homan for reportedly accepting a large cash payment from undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents posing as individuals seeking assistance securing government contracts. Given that this money was likely taxpayer-funded and used as part of a sting operation, Congress has a Constitutional responsibility to find out what happened with this money and, as a result, the FBI operation. Additionally, I urge you to conduct a full and thorough investigation into the Department of Justice's (DOJ) handling of this matter.

In September 2024, prior to assuming his role in President Trump's current administration, Tom Homan allegedly accepted a \$50,000 cash payment in an FBI sting operation where federal agents posed as business executives seeking lucrative government contracts. As a result of him accepting the payment, DOJ began investigating Mr. Homan for potential criminal violations, including bribery. Nonetheless, after President Trump assumed office in January 2025, Mr. Homan received a security clearance and was appointed as the White House Border Czar, all amid an active and ongoing DOJ public corruption investigation into his potentially illegal conduct. Since being appointed Border Czar, Mr. Homan has reportedly participated in several meetings with immigration contractors regarding potential federal contracts related to immigration detention. In September 2025, following public reporting of the FBI sting operation and the ongoing DOJ investigation into Homan's illicit activities, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche and FBI Director Kash Patel issued a joint press release stating that "the investigation has been closed." DOJ has since failed to fully disclose the details of the FBI operation and the ensuing investigation, choosing to dismiss the case as "politically motivated."

As Mr. Homan continues to serve in his role advancing the President's cruel and reckless mass deportation agenda, and as he prepares to fully lead enforcement operations in Minnesota, I request that you conduct a robust investigation into Mr. Homan's acceptance of the \$50,000 cash payment from undercover FBI agents, and DOJ's handling of the case, to ensure Mr. Homan's fitness for the job. Furthermore, given that it is unclear what happened to the \$50,000 provided to Mr. Homan in the sting operation. It is critical for your office to determine how Mr. Homan later used this money, particularly if the payment was funded by taxpayer dollars.

The Border Czar – despite this Administration’s cruel mass deportation policies and often violent practices – is supposed to be responsible for developing effective solutions to secure the border and keep Americans safe. It is therefore deeply concerning that DOJ dismissed this case with very little explanation and allowed Mr. Homan to continue to lead, advise, and conduct the immigration policies of this Administration. At a time when ICE and CBP’s immigration enforcement practices are at the forefront of the national consciousness, and as the Administration directs its personnel to employ inhumane and horrifying tactics, I am extremely concerned about Mr. Homan’s ability to maintain public confidence and ethically and effectively perform his duties as White House Border Czar. Indeed, Congress has a responsibility to know that the person currently in charge of directing immigration enforcement -- that is allegedly targeting criminals -- hasn’t broken the law himself. For these reasons, I request thorough investigation into his past conduct.

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen
U.S. Senator