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The Honorable John Kelly
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Kelly:

I write to request information on Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez, a criminal illegal immigrant. He was charged with two counts of capital murder in the deaths of his 15-year-old stepdaughter and their unborn baby.¹ On March 6, 2017, Garcia-Ramirez shot Jennifer Delgado, multiple times in the head. Delgado was the mother to Garcia-Ramirez's 1-year-old child, and nine months pregnant with their second child. When police found Delgado's body, they rushed her to University Hospital where the unborn child was pronounced dead on arrival.

This horrific murder was entirely preventable. Multiple reports indicate that Garcia-Ramirez had been previously detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on two previous occasions. Each time, Garcia-Ramirez was released within a month. Further, according to the *Washington Times*, Garcia-Ramirez applied for and in November 2016 was granted an approved work permit by the Obama Administration. Garcia Ramirez was approved for a work permit in spite of his criminal record, giving him the ability to get a driver's license and apply for a social security number.

To better understand how Garcia-Ramirez was able to receive a work permit when he had an outstanding criminal record, please provide the following information as soon as possible, but not later than April 7, 2017:

1. The alien registration number for Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez, his complete alien file (A-file), including any temporary files or working files, and all documents and items contained in them that were generated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or in their possession about him, whether currently in written or electronic form, including, but not limited to, the Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Executive Summary, criminal history and immigration summaries, detainers or requests for notification, I-213(s), and Notice(s) to Appear or other charging documents created to seek his removal from the United States.
2. Please identify and explain each and every encounter that DHS or any of its agencies has had with Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez, including the date of the encounter, whether the encounter resulted in detention or the issuance of a detainer or request for notification, whether the encounter resulted in

¹ Snejana Farberov, *Mexican Illegal Immigrant, 35, 'Shot his 15-Year-Old Stepdaughter Dead While she was Pregnant With Their Second Child After he was Freed From ICE Custody Twice'*, DAILY MAIL, Mar. 10, 2017, <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4302156/Illegal-immigrant-shot-dead-pregnant-15-year-old.html>.

the initiation of removal proceedings or reinstatement of a prior removal order against him, and the current status of those removal proceedings or reinstatement.

3. Please identify each and every date on which Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez was arrested by a law enforcement agency in the United States, including criminal and civil arrests, the nature of the charges, the jurisdictions where the arrests occurred, the dispositions of the charges, the dates on which he was released from the custody of the law enforcement agencies, and the reasons for the release.
4. If San Antonio or any other local law enforcement agency declines to honor a detainer or notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez, what action will DHS take to ensure that he is not released from custody and allowed to reoffend?
5. Why did the administration grant Garcia-Ramirez a work permit when he has such an extensive criminal history? Who made the decision to grant Garcia-Ramirez a work permit?
6. What other immigration benefits did Garcia-Ramirez apply for? Were any applications approved? Please provide copies of any applications that Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez may have submitted, whether or not adjudicated.
7. What criminal gang(s) is or was Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez associated with? When did ICE become aware that he was associated with a criminal gang? Please explain.
8. If Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez had been encountered by DHS enforcement officials prior to his recent arrest for capital murder, would he have met the requirements to be considered a priority for removal under the Obama Administration's Priority Enforcement Program? If so, please provide the exact reason for such consideration. If not, why not?
9. Have any victims associated with the crimes committed by Armando Rodrigo Garcia-Ramirez been contacted by officials at ICE? Please provide details.

I anticipate that your written reply and any responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Should you have any questions, please contact Brad Watts or Katherine Nikas of my staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee