# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Joseph V. Cuffari
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane SW
Washington, D.C., 20528

Dear Inspector General Cuffari:

We write to formally request that your office conduct a comprehensive, transparent, and expedited investigation into the fatal shooting involving U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel that occurred yesterday in Biddeford, Maine.

Along with our constituents, we are deeply saddened by this loss of life. The facts surrounding this tragedy remain a matter of significant local concern and necessitate thorough, objective accounting.

To ensure public trust, transparency, and accountability, we request that your office include the following key areas in your examination:

- **The Sequence of Events:** A detailed timeline of the encounter, including the specific actions taken by both the ICE agents and the individual involved prior to the discharge of a firearm.
- **Operational Protocols:** An evaluation of whether the tactics, use, and degree of force utilized adhered strictly to current DHS and ICE use-of-force policies.
- **Recording and Documentation:** Clarification on the availability of audio, dashcam, or body-worn camera footage of the incident, and the status of any evidence preservation.

Furthermore, we ask that you detail the extent to which DHS will collaborate with state or local agencies in carrying out the investigation.

Given the gravity of the situation and the understandable anxiety within the Biddeford community, we urge you to prioritize this investigation. Timely and factual answers will be critical to providing closure for the grieving community and ensuring that federal law enforcement operations are conducted safely, lawfully, and in a manner that respects public safety.

We look forward to your response and stand ready to work with your office to facilitate any necessary inquiries.

Sincerely,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Jared Golden
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Markwayne Mullin, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. David Venturella, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement