

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 16, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
300 7th St SW  
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Dear Secretary Noem:

We are writing to request answers related to a deeply troubling email that that was purportedly sent by the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) on April 4, 2025 informing many Ukrainians in our districts that DHS was terminating their parole under the Uniting for Ukraine program. The email, which was sent to personal email accounts and not through the MyUSCIS accounts, not only directed recipients to immediately leave the United States, but also threatened law enforcement actions, criminal prosecution, civil fines, and additional penalties for failure to self deport within seven days. Given DHS’ recent practices, this raises fears of the possibility of deportation to a third country to which individuals have never been. It also notified recipients of the rescission of benefits associated with parole such as work authorization. While we are aware that a same-day retraction was issued, we have urgent questions regarding the circumstances surrounding the email and the Administration’s plans for the Uniting for Ukraine program.

The Trump Administration’s misguided decision in January to pause all applications, petitions, and benefit requests filed by individuals under certain parole programs, including Uniting for Ukraine, already raised a great deal of concern among our constituencies. Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes due to continued civilian casualties, extensive damage to critical infrastructure, and the elimination of essential services. The Uniting for Ukraine program offered temporary humanitarian protections to Ukrainians and others fleeing Russia’s unprovoked invasion, in line with what many other countries around the world provided to those fleeing the war. For many Ukrainians, parole is their only lawful pathway to remain in the United States as Ukraine was not redesignated for another TPS term. It also stopped Ukrainians seeking protection from coming to the U.S.-Mexico border to seek asylum, as thousands did in spring 2022 before the program began. With the program ending, no clear option exists for those here on parole. For many Ukrainians who participate in the United for Ukraine program – all of whom are sponsored by a supporter in the United States – returning to communities that are on the front lines of a violent war or which have been utterly destroyed in the fighting is not an option.

It would be profoundly inhumane to force Ukrainians residing in our districts to return to unsafe and violent conditions, especially those whose homes may be destroyed or under Russian control. DHS’ email subjected Ukrainian families to unnecessary panic and fear, and any steps to move forward with similar revocations of humanitarian protections would be a cruel abdication of our moral duty to those fleeing global conflict. Given the potential harm of the policies detailed in the initial email, we request answers to

questions related to the circumstances of the email and call for the Administration to cease any efforts to terminate the United for Ukraine program or strip Ukrainians of vital humanitarian protections.

- Please confirm the legitimacy of these emails terminating parole for certain Ukrainians and that they were, in fact, sent by DHS.
- Please describe the internal decision-making process that led to the drafting of the email. Who authorized or initiated the dissemination of the email?
- Prior to sending the email, did USCIS cross-reference the list of individuals granted parole with the list of individuals who have another lawful status already (such as Temporary Protected Status) or who are in the process of seeking a lawful benefit such as asylum?
- How many individuals received the erroneous notification that their parole was revoked, and how did USCIS determine which groups should receive the email? Did all of these individuals receive the same-day retraction as well? If not, why not?
- Is there any plan to revoke ongoing valid parole status for Ukrainians in the United States?
- What steps is DHS taking to ensure that other components of the Department are informed of this erroneous revocation to prevent future unintended consequences for parolees, such as terminations of work authorization or updates to I-94s?
- Please describe any steps the Administration has taken towards terminating the Uniting for Ukraine program.

On behalf of Ukrainian members of our communities, we ask for detailed responses to these questions by April 21, 2025.

Sincerely,



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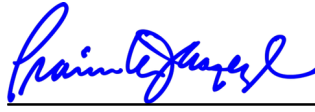
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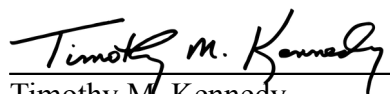
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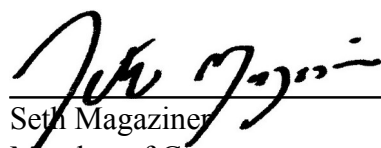
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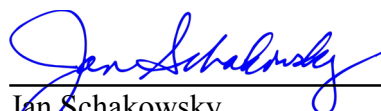
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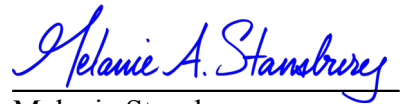


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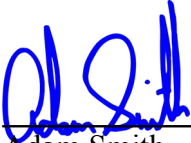
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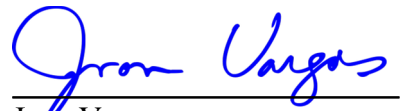
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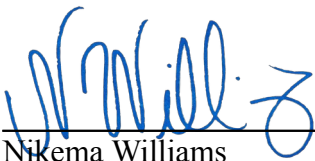
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