## United States Senate

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The Honorable Kristi Noem Secretary Department of Homeland Security 2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20528

The Honorable Kash Patel Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Secretary Noem and Director Patel,

I write to draw your attention to a deeply concerning situation in Ohio. I respectfully request that you launch an investigation immediately into a horrifying situation in Perrysburg, Ohio. Additionally, I ask that you take any and all lawful measures to enforce our federal immigration and criminal laws against an alleged Venezuelan illegal alien, adult male, that may have defrauded federal and state government agencies, while allegedly preying on minor(s) in Ohio.

It has come to my attention that a 24-year-old alleged illegal alien adult male from Venezuela was permitted to enroll in and attend Perrysburg High School, where he was surrounded by minors, seemingly undetected, for nearly a year and a half. Anthony Labrador/Anthony Sierra Emmanuel Labrad/Anthony Emmanuel Labrador Sierra/Labrador Sierra/Labrador-Sierra, Anthony E (the "arrestee") was arrested on May 19, 2025 on felony forgery charges.<sup>2</sup>

The arrestee was enrolled at Perrysburg High School under the name and age of a 16-year-old unaccompanied minor on January 11, 2024.<sup>3</sup> The arrestee was able to obtain an Ohio driver's license and Social Security number and may have been issued federal Temporary Protective Status ("TPS").<sup>4</sup> The arrestee received guardianship from the Wood County Juvenile Court.<sup>5</sup> However, the guardians informed the school on May 14, 2025 that they had obtained information indicating

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Blade Staff, 24-year-old man arrested for forgery after enrolling at, attending Perrysburg High Toledo Blade, TOLEDO BLADE, May 20, 2025, https://www.toledoblade.com/local/police-fire/2025/05/20/24-year-old-man-arrested-forgery-after-enrolling-at-attending-perrysburgh-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

that the arrestee was not a minor but a 24-year-old adult. After a subsequent investigation, the Wood County Sheriff's Office arrested him. Most concerningly, my office has reason to believe this potential illegal alien may have been engaged in a relationship with a minor.

That a 24-year-old alleged illegal alien adult male was permitted to attend an Ohio high school for nearly a year and a half under allegedly false documentation, including potentially false immigration documentation, is shocking to say the least. As you may recall, I called for the revocation of TPS Status on January 10, 2025. On February 5, 2025, you rightly agreed with my request and decided to terminate TPS under the 2023 designation for Venezuela. However, a federal judge in San Fransico ordered the Department of Homeland Security to continue TPS status for Venezuela. I vehemently disagree with this dangerous decision. If the arrestee was granted TPS status, it is imperative for me to know when they were granted such status and the vetting that was conducted on the arrestee.

I know how much you care about protecting children in this country. The arrestee's potential criminal activity is seemingly vast and could implicate both state and federal law. <sup>10</sup> Time is of the essence. Please act as quickly as possible to investigate this matter and act swiftly.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you launch a full federal investigation into but not limited to:

- (1) How and when the arrestee first entered the country;
- (2) What vetting the arrestee received to enter the country;
- (3) How the arrestee was able to pose as a minor for at least nearly a year and a half;
- (4) Any and all allegations of sexual misconduct;
- (5) How many state and/or federal government documents were fraudulently obtained; and
- (6) How many state and/or federal benefits were fraudulently obtained.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://p2c.co.wood.oh.us/p2c/InmateDetail.aspx?navid=638833509388286283.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://www.moreno.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Moreno-Shreds-Mayorkas-Over-Last-Minute-TPS-Extensions.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-venezuela.

<sup>9</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.perrysburgschools.net/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6Y2AUP2&dasi=3PU0.