United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 9, 2026

Mr. Corey Lewandowski
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Dear Mr. Lewandowski:

Five months ago, I asked you to preserve and produce records from your time at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).[1] Your attorneys acknowledged your receipt of my letter and responded that you had "no legal obligation" to comply with it, that my concerns were "insinuations," and that only the Committee majority could pursue such matters.[2] Since then, the DHS Office of Inspector General has referred allegations concerning your conduct to the Department of Justice. Federal prosecutors have reportedly opened a criminal investigation,[3] and DHS has declined to represent that your official records were preserved as the law requires. So, I was pleased to hear you say on talk radio this week that you knew that I was going to be Chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC), that I would want to hear from you about your actions, and that you were "happy to have any conversations with anybody" because you "have nothing to hide."[4] I look forward to having those conversations, on the record, under oath. In the interim, I request that you produce the records as set forth in my June 11 letter and ensure that all relevant records are preserved.

The allegations of misconduct remain serious. Reports that you demanded personal financial compensation from government contractors in exchange for favorable contract decisions, if true, would constitute corruption and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Allegations that you sought to fire military service members and law enforcement professionals for trivial reasons—in one instance, a U.S. Coast Guard pilot over a misplaced blanket—raise serious questions about your judgment and your conduct while entrusted with a sensitive national security role.[5]

Examining these allegations requires a complete record of your tenure, and there is reason to doubt one exists. Administration sources have reportedly said that you did not always

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[1] Letter from Senator Margaret Wood Hassan to Corey Lewandowski (June 11, 2026).

[2] Letter from David Chesnoff and Richard Schonfeld to Senator Margaret Wood Hassan (June 30, 2026).

[3] *Justice Department Reviewing Allegations Against Corey Lewandowski*, Wall Street Journal (Oct. 22, 2026) (www.wsj.com/politics/policy/corey-lewandowski-doj-investigation-a6ccde19).

[4] Interview with Corey Lewandowski, the John Fredricks Show (Nov. 5, 2026).

[5] *A Pilot Fired Over Kristi Noem's Missing Blanket and the Constant Chaos Inside DHS*, Wall Street Journal (Feb. 12, 2026) (www.wsj.com/politics/policy/chaos-kristi-noem-homeland-security-f095ac95).

use your government email or phone for official business, thereby "avoiding digital paper trails on government systems."[6] While DHS has assured my office that former Secretary Noem's attestation of compliance with federal records requirements "does not indicate any gaps or irregularities," it has offered no such assurance about you.[7] The Committee will want to understand why.

As incoming HSGAC Chair, I intend to use the Committee's full authorities—including where necessary compulsory process—to expose corruption and waste. I therefore renew my request that you preserve all relevant records. Should any such records prove unavailable when the Committee requests them, the Committee will want to understand how, and when, that came to be. I strongly encourage you to use the remainder of the year to begin working voluntarily with my office to answer outstanding requests. It is, after all, what you have said you are happy to do.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized by Rule XXV (k)(2)(B) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to investigate matters that aid the Committee in "studying the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government." As a member of the Committee, I am conducting oversight into the activities of a senior DHS official, and I intend to continue investigating this matter in the new Congress. A copy of my June 11, 2026, letter is enclosed. Given that your attorney acknowledged your receipt of my June 11, 2026, letter, please confirm that you have preserved all relevant records and provide the requested documents and information no later than November 23, 2026.

If you have any questions related to this request, please contact HassanLetters@hassan.senate.gov. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to HassanLetters@hassan.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

Enclosure

[6] *Scoop: White House Suspicious of Lewandowski's "Temp" Work*, Axios (Aug. 14, 2025) (www.axios.com/2025/08/14/white-house-dhs-lewandowski-noem).

[7] Email from DHS Office of Legislative Affairs to Senator Margaret Wood Hassan Staff (Oct. 19, 2026).