

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 8, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Todd Lyons
Acting Director
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons,

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the aggressive deportation of Any Lucía Lopez Belloza to Honduras. Ms. Lopez Belloza is a 19-year-old Babson College student from Austin, Texas who has been in the United States since she was eight years old. She was apprehended at the airport by immigration officials while flying home to surprise her parents for Thanksgiving. She was deported in shackles to Honduras within 48 hours of her arrest, in an apparent effort by your administration to circumvent the federal court system's due process protections. According to reports, after Ms. Lopez Belloza's removal, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrived in unmarked vehicles to Ms. Lopez Belloza's family home in Austin, Texas, "rushed toward [Ms. Lopez Belloza's] father," and entered the family's backyard — raising questions about whether ICE decided to target her family after she spoke to the media about her treatment.¹ We ask that the Department of Homeland Security allow her to return to the United States so she can pursue relief through the legal process, respect all federal orders issued in her case, and end any harassment of her family.

On November 20, 2025, ICE agents apprehended Ms. Lopez Belloza as she traveled on a domestic flight from Boston Logan International Airport to Austin, Texas. At the airport, ICE prevented her from boarding her flight, arrested her, and took her to an ICE Field Office in Burlington, MA. This young woman who appears to have no criminal history was handcuffed and forced to sleep on the floor in a detention center.² Ms. Lopez Belloza was informed that she had a removal order from 2016. She reported that she did not know about the removal order, which had been issued to her parents while she was a minor. ICE refused to show Ms. Lopez Belloza a copy of her removal order when she asked to see it.

According to court documents, on November 21, Ms. Lopez Belloza's lawyers filed a habeas corpus petition requesting her immediate release and a stay of removal from the jurisdiction of the United States or transfer outside of the District of Massachusetts. At 6:10PM EST on November 21, 2025, United States District Judge Allison D. Burroughs of the District of Massachusetts ordered that "respondents will not remove the petitioner from the jurisdiction of the United States or transfer petitioner to a judicial district outside that of Massachusetts for a period of at least 72 hours from the time this Order is docketed."³

By the time the court order went into effect, Ms. Lopez Belloza had already been moved from Massachusetts to the Port Isabel Service Detention Center in Los Fresnos, Texas — only 33 hours after her arrest. The following day, she was deported in shackles on a military aircraft to Honduras and reported that she "didn't even know

¹ *New York Times*, "Immigration Agents Target Family of Deported College Student," December 7, 2025, <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/12/07/us/immigration-agents-family-deported-student.html>.

² *ABC News*, "Exclusive: Student says she was living 'American Dream' before she was deported despite judge's order," December 4, 2025, <https://abcnews.go.com/US/exclusive-student-living-american-dream-deported-despite-judges/story?id=128076781>.

³ Emergency Order Concerning Stay of Transfer or Removal, Any Lucia Lopez Belloca v. Hyde, No. 1:25-cv-13499, November 21, 2025, <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mad.292111/gov.uscourts.mad.292111.2.0.pdf>.

[she] would be deported until [she] was on the plane.”⁴ She reportedly had “no opportunity to have a court hearing or even talk to an attorney” before her deportation.⁵

From start to finish, Ms. Lopez Belloza was arrested, detained, and deported in less than 48 hours.⁶ We are concerned that ICE intentionally removed Ms. Lopez Belloza from Massachusetts, and subsequently from the United States, at breakneck speed in an attempt to avoid review by the local federal courts, undermining her right to due process.

Your administration claims to be going after the “worst of the worst.” Instead, you have decided to target a young woman who was brought to this country at eight years old and is a valuable member of our community. Ms. Lopez Belloza has spent most of her life in a working-class neighborhood in Austin, Texas. She excelled in school and made it, against the odds, into a top-tier university. Your administration decided to deport her in shackles and to evade a federal court order.

Given the cruel and aggressive nature of your department’s actions, we ask that you allow Ms. Lopez Belloza to return home and that you provide her with adequate time for an orderly departure or to pursue any relief to which she may be entitled. We also ask that you provide a response to the following questions by December 16, 2025:

1. How is your administration determining who is a priority for detention and deportation?
 - a. What discretion do officers have when conducting immigration enforcement?
2. Was Ms. Lopez Belloza given the opportunity to opt to voluntarily depart the United States?
 - a. If not, why did DHS immediately deport Ms. Lopez Belloza in shackles to Honduras instead of providing her an opportunity to depart the country on her own?
3. Ms. Lopez Belloza was detained by ICE while flying domestically, suggesting information sharing between DHS’s immigration authorities and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Please provide detailed information about data sharing policies or processes between ICE, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and TSA regarding individuals with removal orders.
 - a. Please share any internal communications regarding this case between TSA and ICE or CBP on the date of Ms. Lopez Belloza’s travel.
4. Ms. Lopez Belloza was transferred out of Massachusetts just 33 hours after her arrest, while her habeas petition was pending.
 - a. Why was she transferred out of Massachusetts on that timeline, before any court could rule on her habeas petition?
 - b. Was this transfer consistent with DHS policies regarding transfers and responses to habeas petitions?
5. Ms. Lopez Belloza was deported less than 48 hours after her arrest.
 - a. Why was she transferred out of the United States on that timeline, before any court could rule on her habeas petition?

⁴ Oboroff, J. [@jacobsoboroff], December 6, 2026, <https://x.com/jacobsoboroff/status/1996572682297425963>.

⁵ *The Guardian*, “Student describes ‘horror show’ ICE deportation to Honduras at Thanksgiving,” <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/04/student-describes-horror-show-ice-deportation-to-honduras-at-thanksgiving>.

⁶ *Id.*

- b. Was this transfer consistent with DHS policies regarding deportations and responses to habeas petitions?
6. DHS alleges that an outstanding and old final removal order was the basis for Ms. Lopez Belloza’s rapid removal.
- a. Did DHS show Ms. Belloza a copy of this final order of removal?
 - b. Did DHS give Ms. Belloza an opportunity to contact an attorney who could review this final order of removal?
 - c. Is it DHS practice to show non-citizens final orders of removal when the order is the basis of a removal?
7. Ms. Lopez Belloza reported that she was not given the opportunity to call her family before being deported.⁷ Why was she not given the chance to place a phone call before being deported?
- a. What is DHS’s current policy regarding access to phone calls for individuals scheduled to be deported?

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



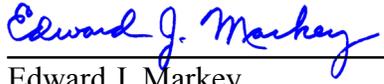
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⁷ Oboroff, J. [@jacobsoboroff], December 6, 2025, <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DR1-7LUDW7-/>.