



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

CONGRESSMAN GREG CASAR
TEXAS 35TH DISTRICT

September 20, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable David Venturella
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin and Acting Director Venturella,

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer shot and wounded a man on Sunday, September 20th in Austin, TX. I am demanding an immediate, independent investigation into the shooting. I am also demanding accountability for the agent responsible for any and all wrongdoing. The agent must be suspended and remain in Austin while the investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

ICE must release to the public complete and unedited footage related to the shooting, preserve all available evidence, and share all available evidence with local and state law enforcement, Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (OIG), and other parties that have jurisdiction to conduct a full, independent, and transparent investigation into the shooting. DHS must not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the release of footage, data or other information by Texas state or local agencies involved in the operation.

On Sunday, September 20th, an ICE officer reportedly shot a man at the 7000 block of West Anderson Lane near U.S. 183 in Austin, TX.¹ The man was transported to a nearby hospital, where he is in serious but stable condition. A dark blue Toyota Corolla was parked under the

¹ "Federal immigration officer shoots, injures man in Austin, report says," *The Texas Tribune*, September 20, 2026, <https://www.texastribune.org/2026/09/20/austin-immigration-shooting-texas/>.

overpass at Research Boulevard and West Anderson Lane, with damage to its passenger-side door and what appeared to be bullet holes.²

ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents have shot and killed nearly a dozen people over the last two years.³ DHS has repeatedly lied about the facts following violent encounters involving agents and have blamed victims.⁴ As a result, any narrative from DHS regarding this shooting must be viewed with deep skepticism and an independent investigation must be conducted. The people of Austin, Texas will settle for nothing less than truth, transparency, and full accountability.

DHS and ICE must immediately preserve all available evidence, including the following, and share it with parties that have jurisdiction to conduct a full, independent, and transparent investigation:

1. All video footage, including surveillance video, body worn camera and dash camera footage from any federal and state officers present at the scene.
2. Communications related to the shooting from each officer or agent present at the scene, including radio communications, dispatch records, cellphone records, emails, and text messages.
3. Witness statements.
4. Forensic evidence.
5. Data from all vehicles involved, including DHS vehicles.
6. All written incident reports, reporting in DHS's Significant Event Notification system, investigative files, and any other relevant record.

DHS and ICE must immediately release to the public:

1. All body worn camera and dash camera footage from any federal and state officers present at the scene; and

² "Person injured in shooting involving ICE officers in North Austin," KVUE, September 20, 2026, <https://www.kvue.com/article/news/local/ice-officer-shooting-anderson-lane-research-boulevard/269-c1767e3e-1622-45d6-b30c-8b734a03890b>.

³ "Fatal Shootings by ICE and Border Patrol Agents Under the Second Trump Administration," Second Congress, July 13, 2026, <https://secondcongress.com/tracker/2026-07-13-ice-cbp-fatal-shootings-tracker>.

⁴ "Minnesota shooting of Venezuelan man is the latest where video evidence contradicts ICE accounts," *Associated Press*, February 13, 2026, <https://apnews.com/article/immigration-agent-shootings-minneapolis-chicago-c062100e0432bff06a6f7b7b26a831e8>.

2. All recorded radio, text, or phone communication between officers immediately before and after the shooting.

Finally, I demand DHS and ICE brief me and my Congressional colleagues by Monday, September 28th. The briefing must include information on whether current protocols were followed with regard to the operation itself as well as preservation of evidence and investigation and an assessment of whether ICE's current policies and protocols regarding vehicle stops, use of force, and warrantless arrests were followed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Casar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and last name "Casar" clearly legible.

Congressman Greg Casar
Texas Congressional District 35