

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 18, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write today to transmit a letter from New Hampshire State Representative for the Town of Merrimack, Bill Boyd, detailing his opposition and concerns related to the Department of Homeland Security's proposed plan to purchase property in Merrimack to use as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and processing facility. The accompanying letter details the potential negative impact this facility may have on the community's economic development, as well as the potential strain such a facility would place upon the local economy, infrastructure, and public safety.

We share the local concerns expressed about the project, and these concerns must be addressed. We request that you confirm receipt of this correspondence. We further request that you expeditiously engage with local leadership, including law enforcement and emergency services, regarding the proposed plan.

We look forward to your prompt outreach to local officials, law enforcement, and emergency services.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator




Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator



Maggie Goodlander  
Member of Congress

cc: Paul Micali  
Town Manager - Town of Merrimack, NH

Bill Boyd  
New Hampshire State Representative for the Town of Merrimack