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Slotkin, Peters, and Gallego Lead Colleagues to Demand Answers on Closure of Tom Homan Bribery Investigation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senators Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), Gary Peters (D-MI), and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) led their committee colleagues in demanding answers from Attorney General Pam Bondi on why Trump Administration officials closed a bribery investigation of White House Border Czar Tom Homan after he allegedly accepted \$50,000 in cash from undercover agents in exchange for promising to deliver federal contracts. The senators are calling on Attorney General Bondi to provide documents and information related to the investigation and whether it was closed prematurely to protect a political ally with close ties to President Donald Trump.

U.S. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), John Fetterman (D-PA) and Andy Kim (D-NJ) joined Slotkin, Peters and Gallego in sending the letter.

"If true, this alleged conduct by a senior government official is unacceptable. The fact that the incoming Trump Administration reportedly closed this investigation prematurely raises further concerns that the Administration is weaponizing our system of justice to protect the President's friends and to persecute his political foes," wrote the senators.

The senators continued: "These allegations are particularly concerning considering Mr. Homan's apparent conflicts of interest and recent contracts that have reportedly been awarded to his previous clients and companies. For example, Mr. Homan previously worked as a consultant for the GEO Group, a private prison corporation that is also a leading contractor for ICE. Since the start of the Trump Administration, GEO Group has been awarded several new contracts, including a 15-year contract valued at \$1 billion for a detention facility in New Jersey. Additionally, media reporting indicates that Homan played a key part in hiring a former GEO Group executive to a top ICE position that oversees contracts for immigrant detention centers."

"It is critical that the American people be able to trust that the influence of White House and other government officials has not been bought, and that contracts will be awarded to companies based on merit, not to those willing to pay bribes. Our homeland security should not be for sale so that one official can provide favors to his friends, and we encourage the Department to treat this investigation with the seriousness it deserves," the senators concluded.

The full text of the letter is available <u>here</u>.

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