

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pamela Bondi
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U.S. Department of Justice
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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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The Honorable Kash Patel
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Re: Demand for Immediate Federal Cooperation with Minnesota State and Local Prosecutors in the Killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti

Dear Attorney General Bondi, Secretary Noem, and Director Patel:

We write to demand immediate and full cooperation by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with Minnesota state and local prosecutors investigating the lethal shootings of Renée Good (January 7, 2026) and Alex Pretti (January 24, 2026) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the immediate aftermath of these shootings, federal officials advanced definitive, inflammatory narratives while key evidence remained in federal custody. In both cases, publicly available video evidence has raised serious questions about the accuracy of those narratives. Shortly after Ms. Good was killed, DHS Secretary Noem claimed she was engaged in an act of “domestic terrorism,” well before any conclusion of the sort could have been drawn.¹ President Trump described her as “a professional agitator” who “violently, willfully, and viciously ran over the ICE Officer,” just six hours after her death, as investigations were ongoing.² And yet, numerous analyses have concluded Ms. Good was attempting to turn her car *away* from the ICE agent who fatally shot her as she drove past him.³

Secretary Noem claimed Mr. Pretti “attacked” officers and was brandishing a gun.⁴ White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller labeled Mr. Pretti “an assassin” who “tried to murder federal agents” and Former Border Patrol Commander at Large Gregory Bovino claimed Mr. Pretti “wanted to do maximum damage and massacre

¹ Maria Ramirez Uribe & Amy Sherman, *Experts question Kristi Noem calling Renee Good a 'domestic terrorist.' Here's what it means*, POLITIFACT (Jan 8, 2026), <https://www.politifact.com/article/2026/jan/08/Renee-Good-Noem-domestic-terrorism-Minneapolis/>.

² Steve Holland and Ted Hesson, *Exclusive: Trump calls Minnesota ICE shooting 'sad to see on both sides'*, Reuters (Jan 14, 2026) <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-calls-minnesota-ice-shooting-sad-see-both-sides-2026-01-15>

³ Ramirez Uribe & Amy Sherman, *supra* note 1.

⁴ Daniel Dale, *What Trump officials claimed about Alex Pretti — and what the evidence actually shows*, CNN (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/25/politics/trump-officials-shifting-rhetoric-alex-pretti>.

law enforcement.”⁵ Contrary to these claims, bystander videos reviewed and verified by Reuters show Mr. Pretti as brandishing nothing other than his phone, and trying to help others who had been pushed to the ground by federal agents. In fact CBPs Office of Professional Responsibility in their notification of Mr. Pretti’s death to congress does not mention Pretti brandishing a weapon or even approaching agents.^{6 7}

After Mr. Pretti was killed, federal agents took witnesses into custody at the Whipple Building and held them for several hours before releasing them.⁸ Federal officers blocked Minnesota’s Bureau of Criminal Apprehension from accessing the scene of the shooting, even though they obtained a judicial warrant for access.⁹ The concerns that the federal government is mishandling the investigation is so strong that a federal judge issued an order blocking the administration from “destroying or altering evidence” related to the shooting.¹⁰ Bizarrely, the administration is appealing this order.¹¹

Congress is deeply concerned that the federal government has compromised the appearance and reality of impartiality in these investigations through premature, inflammatory public statements that prejudge disputed facts and stigmatize those killed before any independent review is complete. Senior officials have publicly labeled conduct related to these incidents as “domestic terrorism,” asserted conclusions about motive and intent, and framed federal officers as the primary “victims,” even as credible reporting has disputed these claims and local and state officials have raised questions about what the evidence shows.¹² These statements create an unacceptable risk that political messaging rather than facts will shape investigative decisions. These actions not only undermine public confidence in law enforcement and the rule of law—they heighten the need for the federal government’s immediate preservation and full production of all evidence, recordings, reports, forensic records, and interagency communications to neutral, unbiased Minnesota prosecutors.

The current situation is untenable and deeply alarming. No law enforcement agency is above the law. When federal officers use deadly force against civilians, there must be transparency, rigorous evidence preservation, and meaningful investigation and accountability. State and local prosecutors have the authority to investigate potential violations of state criminal law, and those investigations cannot proceed if federal agencies obstruct, delay, destroy, or selectively disclose evidence. As the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office has emphasized publicly, state and local law enforcement retain jurisdiction to investigate potential criminal offenses by federal agents, and those investigations can be hindered when the federal government refuses to cooperate.¹³

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Camilo Montoya-Galvez, Scott MacFarlane, *2 Federal Agents Fired Their Weapons During Alex Pretti Shooting, Government Report to Congress Says*, CBS NEWS (Jan. 27, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/two-federal-agents-fired-their-weapons-during-alex-pretti-shooting-report-congress-says/>.

⁷ Brad Brooks and Tim Reid, *Trump administration defends killing American in Minneapolis, contradicts videos*, Reuters (Jan 26, 2026) <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/federal-officials-dig-minneapolis-shooting-narrative-despite-video-evidence-2026-01-25>

⁸ Jonah Kaplan, *Minneapolis man says he was detained for hours after witnessing Alex Pretti shooting*, CBS (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.cbsnews.com/minnesota/news/minneapolis-alex-pretti-shooting-witness-arrested/>.

⁹ Rebecca Santana, *What we know about the investigations into the Minneapolis shooting death of Alex Pretti*, ABC (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/investigations-minneapolis-shooting-death-alex-pretti-129581708>.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Edith Olmsted, *Trump Team Demands Right to Destroy Evidence in Alex Pretti Shooting*, NEW REPUBLIC (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://newrepublic.com/post/205716/donald-trump-team-destroy-evidence-alex-pretti-shooting>.

¹² Kristi Noem, *State of the Union Interview Transcripts*, CNN (Jan 11, 2026) <https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/sotu/date/2026-01-11/>; Alexandra Koch, *Stephen Miller accuses Democrats of siding with 'terrorists' after Minneapolis Border Patrol-involved shooting*, Fox News (Jan 24, 2026) <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/stephen-miller-accuses-democrats-siding-terrorists-after-minneapolis-border-patrol-involved-shooting2>; Gregory Bovino, *State of the Union Interview Transcript*, CNN (Jan 25, 2026) <https://transcripts.cnn.com/show/sotu/date/2026-01-25>

Accordingly, we demand that DOJ, FBI, and DHS immediately preserve and produce to the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General and the Hennepin County prosecutors the following, in full and without delay:

1. **All evidence and investigative materials.** Immediately preserve and produce to the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General and the Hennepin County prosecutors all evidence and investigative materials in DOJ, DHS, and FBI custody related to the killing of Renée Good and Alex Pretti.
2. **All video and audio recordings.** Turn over all video and audio within your possession or control, including: body-worn camera footage, officer-held cell phone footage, dash camera footage, surveillance footage from any federal facilities or partner agencies, and any recorded 911/dispatch/radio traffic and interview recordings.
3. **All reports and witness materials.** Produce all reports and witness materials, including but not limited to: FBI FD-302 Forms (or equivalent), written statements, interview notes, tip-line submissions, scene logs, evidence inventories, and any use-of-force summaries or preliminary findings.
4. **All forensic and physical evidence records.** Produce all forensic and physical evidence records, including but not limited to: firearms and ballistics testing, autopsy-related materials, lab results, chain-of-custody documentation, and any digital forensics (phone data, location data, extraction reports).
5. **All interagency communications.** Produce all interagency communications concerning the incidents, including but not limited to: emails, texts, messaging-app communications, call logs, briefing materials, and any directives or guidance exchanged among DOJ, FBI, DHS, ICE, and any other federal personnel.

These demands apply to both fatal shootings: the killing of Renée Good and the killing of Alex Pretti. These demands also apply to materials held by any components, task forces, joint units, or partner entities operating under or alongside DHS and DOJ: ICE, CBP, Border Patrol, FBI joint units, and any deputized or cross-designated personnel.

In addition to production, we demand written confirmation within 48 hours that DOJ, FBI, and DHS have issued and enforced litigation holds and preservation orders covering all relevant evidence that these federal agencies and those working on their behalf “removed from the scene and/or evidence that it has taken into its exclusive custody,” including: cell phone camera, body camera, and dash camera systems; surveillance systems; phones and messaging applications used by involved personnel; dispatch and radio systems; investigative case files; physical evidence, evidence lockers, and chain-of-custody records; and any contractor-held digital systems.¹⁴

We further demand that no federal agency take any action that could impair Minnesota’s ability to conduct an independent investigation, including restricting access to scenes, witnesses, evidence, recordings, or federal personnel, or attempting to preempt or pressure state and local prosecutors’ ongoing investigations.

Please provide your written response and confirmation of preservation and production steps by Wednesday, February 4th, 2026.

¹³ Mary Moriata, *Message from Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty on state and local law enforcement jurisdiction*, Hennepin County Attorney (Jan 15, 2026) <https://www.hennepinattorney.org/news/news/2026/January/community-questions?>

¹⁴ Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension & Hennepin County Attorney’s Office v. Noem, No. 0:26-cv-00628 (ECT/DTS), Order at 1 (D. Minn. Jan. 24, 2026), ECF No. 10. https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mnd.230788/gov.uscourts.mnd.230788.10.0_3.pdf

Sincerely,

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cc: Office of the Minnesota Attorney General
Hennepin County Attorney's Office

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