

May 6, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McAleenan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington D.C. 20528

Dear Acting Secretary McAleenan:

I write today to better understand how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) acted on information on lawful protests provided to it in 2018 by LookingGlass Cyber Solutions, Inc.

According to media reports, in June of 2018 LookingGlass Cyber Solutions gathered information related to more than 600 peaceful demonstrations against the Trump administration's family separation policies across the United States. The information collected included physical addresses of events and Facebook event IDs. Media reports also suggest that LookingGlass Cyber Solutions shared this information, on its own initiative, with DHS and state law enforcement agencies.

Peaceful demonstrations are protected under the First Amendment and are crucial to a healthy democracy. Surveillance of protests — whether by the government, defense contractors, or unlawful vigilantes — can significantly chill this lawful, First Amendment-protected activity. The restrictive effects of surveillance are further amplified for people who belong to communities that have long been over-policed and discriminated against by the state, particularly people of color.

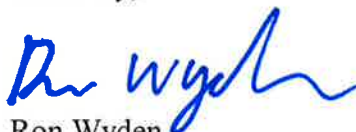
The American public have a right to understand what, if anything, DHS did with this information. To that end, I ask that you please respond to the following questions by May 30, 2019:

1. Was DHS compiling information on protests and peaceful demonstrations about family separation across the country? If yes, please explain why, what agencies at DHS are responsible for this type of collection and whether this type of information gathering is ongoing.
2. Did DHS request that LookingGlass Cyber Solutions collect data and monitor certain activities for the Department? If yes, please explain the nature and purpose of the services or assistance provided by LookingGlass Cyber Solutions.
3. What information was provided to DHS by LookingGlass Cyber Solutions?
4. Does the Department have any knowledge of how this data was collected by LookingGlass Cyber Solutions?
5. Did DHS use this data for any purpose? If yes, please explain how this data was used.
6. If the Department used the information provided by LookingGlass Cyber Solutions in any way, did the Department conduct a Privacy and Civil Liberties Impact Assessment before

doing so? If yes, please provide a copy of the Impact Assessment. If not, please explain why.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I await your timely response, including any necessary classified annexes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Wyden", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ron Wyden
United States Senator