

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 28, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Secretary Noem:

We write to transmit a letter from the Merrimack Town Council expressing concerns and its formal opposition to the Department of Homeland Security proposal to establish an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center in Merrimack, New Hampshire.

As the state's congressional delegation, we urge the Department to confirm its receipt of the Town Council's letter as soon as possible and to give full and fair consideration to the Council's budgetary and operational concerns.

We request that the Department acknowledge the Council's letter and establish clear lines of communication with local officials as soon as possible to ensure the Council's perspective is considered.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response and to meaningful engagement between the Department and the Merrimack Town Council.

Sincerely,



Chris Pappas  
Member of Congress



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator



Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator



Maggie Goodlander  
Member of Congress