

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 2, 2026

Director Russell Vought  
Office of Management and Budget  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Director Vought:

We write to strongly oppose the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) reported request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to purchase a \$70 million luxury jet. At a time when Americans across the country are struggling with skyrocketing costs for health care, groceries, housing, and utility bills, the idea that the federal government would prioritize a taxpayer-funded luxury jet is fiscally and morally unjustifiable.

On February 19, 2026, NBC News reported that DHS is seeking OMB approval to purchase a \$70 million Boeing 737 Max 8 described by DHS officials as a "luxury jet." DHS officials claim the jet is to be used for immigrant deportations, as well as travel for Cabinet officials.

However, the Department's claims simply fail to align with reality. Whereas typical deportation flights can carry up to 100 detainees along with security and medical personnel, the jet reportedly has maximum space for 14-18 people. According to DHS's own marketing materials about the plane's features, "[n]o expense has been spared." This apparently includes a bedroom with a queen-sized bed, four large flat-screen televisions, and a bar, none of which appear to match DHS operational requirements cited as justification for the purchase. According to one government official, even some at Immigrations and Customs Enforcement found the jet "too luxurious."

Americans and working families aren't concerned about the luxuriousness of Cabinet officials' travel. They're concerned about their soaring health insurance payments, high energy prices, and juggling paying for increasingly expensive groceries and utilities. The One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) is the reported source of funds for the purchase of this luxury jet. That legislation will force millions of Americans off health care, raise health care costs, devastate rural hospitals, and slash funding for food assistance to finance more tax breaks for the very rich and biggest corporations. The request to OMB to approve the purchase of a \$70 million luxury jet – with three additional jets slated to be purchased – with these funds is the latest example of the Administration's disregard for the real issues impacting everyday Americans and an irresponsible expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

A \$70 million aircraft outfitted with luxury amenities that do not align with its stated operational purpose and paid for with funds raised by increasing health care costs for millions of Americans

is an irresponsible use of federal funds. Accordingly, we strongly urge OMB to reject this request.

Sincerely,



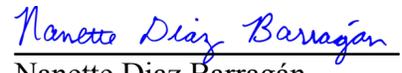
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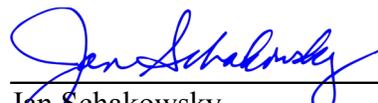
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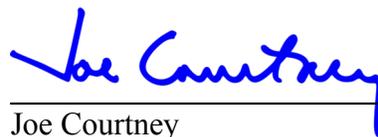
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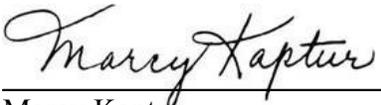
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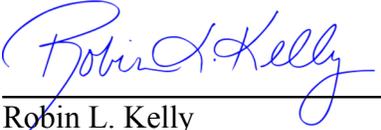
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