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**Disinformation Governance Board
DHS MDM Capabilities Review**

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DHS Disinformation Governance Board
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Section 1. Purpose

The DHS Disinformation Governance Board (“Board”) will guide and support the Department’s efforts to address mis-, dis-, and mal-information that threatens homeland security (“MDM”). Whereas Department Components will lead on operational responses to MDM in their relevant mission spaces, the Board will ensure DHS efforts are coordinated, deconflicted, and harmonized, both within DHS and across the interagency, to ensure efficiency, unity of effort, and promotion of applicable compliance and best practices.

The Board will focus on the following four cross-functional lines of effort to counter MDM, many of which are already underway (“lines of effort”): (1) identifying MDM (“Identification”); (2) assessing and analyzing the risk that such MDM poses to homeland security (“Risk Assessment”); (3) responding to these MDM threats (“Response”); and (4) building resilience to MDM (“Building Resilience”).

With respect to each of these lines of effort, the Board will develop and support the implementation of governance policies and protocols that, among other issues, protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties; harmonize and support coordination with other departments and agencies, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations; and support research and development efforts to assess and combat MDM.

Section 2. Members

The Board will be co-chaired by representatives of the Office for Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY) and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). Standing Board members will be representatives of the following DHS Components: the Management Directorate (MGMT); Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A); Science and Technology Directorate (S&T); Privacy Office (PRIV); Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL); Office of Public Affairs (OPA); Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Representatives shall be the Principal or Deputy for their respective Component. Other Components may be invited to either join the Board or participate on an ad hoc basis, as appropriate and needed.

Section 3. Structure

The Board will be supported by a Steering Group, which will consist of a representative from each Component participating in the Board. Each representative will be selected by their respective Board member.

The Board co-chairs will designate a DHS senior official to serve as the Executive Director for the Board and Chair of the Steering Group. The Executive Director will be detailed or assigned to PLCY, where they will be supported by an Executive Secretariat for the Board comprising staff detailed or assigned to PLCY. The Executive Director will attend and may participate in all Board meetings.

Section 4. Board Responsibilities

Components will lead on MDM-related operational responses and other efforts to counter MDM in their relevant mission spaces. The Board will serve as the central forum in the Department to ensure consistent governance and coordination of such efforts, and adherence to applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory authorities and obligations.

The Board's initial responsibilities will include a review of existing MDM governance policies and practices across the Department, including:

- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards to ensure compliance with applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory obligations;
- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards to ensure appropriate privacy and civil rights and civil liberties protections;
- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards for interactions with the private, non-profit, and academic sectors; and,
- relevant procurement policies and practices.

Based, in part, on the findings from its initial review, the Board will be responsible for developing MDM-related guidance, best practices, and recommendations regarding:

- compliance with applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory obligations;
- standards for and implementation of appropriate privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections;
- procurement guidelines for contracting or funding third parties to support the Department's MDM efforts;
- grant funding and cooperative agreements;
- development and implementation of new technological and data management tools; and,
- any other applicable guidance, best practices, and recommendations to guide the aforementioned four lines of effort.

The Board also will coordinate, deconflict, and harmonize departmental efforts to address MDM, including by:

- receiving regular and routine updates from DHS Components, the Intelligence Community, and other interagency partners on MDM;
- harmonizing and deconflicting activities by DHS Components regarding the lines of effort;
- harmonizing, deconflicting, and coordinating, in conjunction with relevant Components, the Department's external engagement regarding MDM;

- serving as the Department's internal and external point of contact for coordination with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, the private sector, and non-governmental actors regarding MDM; and,
- serving as the Department's internal and external point of contact for receiving, coordinating, responding to, and interacting with interagency partners, including the Executive Office of the President, for policy matters generally related to mis-, dis-, and mal-information, but not related to the performance of intelligence activities.

Section 5. Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

The co-chairs of the Board will:

- convene the Board as needed;
- approve the agenda for Board meetings;
- preside over Board meetings;
- approve summaries of conclusions reached during the Board meetings;
- communicate Board decisions and activities to the Secretary and other DHS leadership, as appropriate;
- represent the Board to external audiences; and,
- take all other actions necessary and proper for the execution of the Board's responsibilities.
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The Board Members will:

- represent the perspectives of their respective Components at Board meetings;
- review any proposals submitted to the Board; and,
- ensure that their respective Components implement, execute, and follow Board decisions.

The Executive Director will:

- propose agenda items and discussion topics for the Board following Steering Group review;
- communicate the positions taken at the Steering Group concerning proposals before the Board;
- propose summaries of conclusion for each Board and Steering Group meeting;
- implement and execute Board decisions through the Steering Group;
- supervise the activities of the Executive Secretariat; and,
- represent the Steering Group and, where appropriate and in coordination with the co-chairs, the Department to external audiences on MDM-related matters.

The Steering Group Members will:

- represent the perspectives of their respective Components at Steering Group meetings;
- review and discuss any proposals to be submitted to the Board;
- communicate their considerations of Board proposals to their respective Board Members, the Executive Director, and other members of the Steering Group;

- review and approve summaries of conclusions of Steering Group meetings; and,
- subject to the direction and guidance of their respective Board Members, help ensure that their respective Components implement, execute, and follow Board decisions.

Section 6. Processes & Procedures

The Board will meet regularly at the discretion of the co-chairs and no less than once per quarter for the first two years of the Board's existence. The Steering Group will meet at the discretion of the Board or Executive Director. Issues raised and proposals submitted to the Board will be resolved by consensus to the greatest extent possible. Where there is a disagreement amongst the Board members, the Board will resolve the matter before it by majority vote. In the absence of consensus, any Board member may elevate, in the form of a written memorandum, an issue to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary where they believe that a decision made by the Board implicates their statutory or other assigned authorities.

The Steering Group is not a voting body. Instead, its members will discuss all issues brought before it and make their recommendations to the Board. Steering Group members will support the development of consensus recommendations to the Board to the greatest extent possible.


Section 7. Relationship to Other Departmental Governance Bodies

The Board will serve as the departmental forum for governance of DHS policies, plans, procedures, standards, and activities pertaining to MDM that threatens homeland security. As such, all DHS-wide or Component-specific proposals for funding related to efforts to counter MDM should be appropriately coordinated with the Board, including in advance of submitting any final funding proposals. Matters raised before the Board may implicate other departmental governance fora already in existence. Where that occurs, the Board will coordinate its activities with those respective fora through the Executive Director.

Section 8. Effective Date

This charter will go into effect when signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Section 9. Signature


Alejandro N. Mayorkas

Secretary


U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Feb. 24, 2022
Date

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Plan for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence**

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Ambassador Karen Pierce DCMG
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USA

Dear Ambassador Pierce:

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FROM: Tim Maurer, Senior Counselor for Cybersecurity and Emerging Technology
DATE: February 10, 2022
SUBJECT: **Draft Outline: Foreign Affairs article**

Sir,

Please find attached for your review a draft outline for a Foreign Affairs article (b)(5)

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Thank you.

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Subject: Press Roundup for TUES, 4/26

Good evening, Secretary,

BLUF: We saw a fair amount of coverage on the Supreme Court hearing on MPP and the IP memo today and spent much of the day clarifying the court's decision on T42 related to these matters. Some highlights for you below.

TODAY

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- o • Axios: [DHS outlines plan to secure border after Title 42 is lifted](#)
- o • Associated Press: [US preps for even busier border amid lifting of health order](#)
- o • CBS News: [Biden officials release updated post-Title 42 plan amid bipartisan criticism](#)

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- o • *"The Western District of Louisiana has announced its intent to grant a TRO that would restrict DHS's operations at the border that are essential to our preparations for when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Title 42 public health Order expires. If and when the Court issues a TRO, the Department will comply with any such Order. DHS is continuing to apply the Title 42 Order and will do so until its termination on May 23. When the Title 42 Order is lifted, we intend to significantly expand the use of expedited removal through our Title 8 authorities and thereby impose long-term law enforcement consequences on those who seek to cross the border without a lawful basis to do so. It makes no sense that the plaintiffs would demand that DHS be stopped in its use of expedited removal or otherwise prevented from preparing for aggressive application of immigration law when the public health Order expires."*

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- o • CNN: [Supreme Court examines Biden's power to set US immigration policy in 'Remain in Mexico' challenge](#)
- o • Reuters: [U.S. Supreme Court weighs 'remain in Mexico' immigration dispute](#)

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Washington Post: [A top Democrat ties Pence's 'I'm not getting in the car' to Jan. 6 'coup'](#)
(Aaron Blake)

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NOTABLE CLIPS

New York Times: Texas' Busing of Migrants to D.C. Isn't Having Abbott's Intended Effect Yet
(Eileen Sullivan)

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Buzzfeed: Some US Deportation Cases To Be Put On Hold In Immigration Courts (Hamed Aleaziz)

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Los Angeles Times: Supreme Court leans in favor of Trump over Biden in asylum border dispute (David G. Savage)

The Supreme Court justices gave a mostly skeptical hearing Tuesday to the Biden administration's bid to repeal a President Trump policy that requires tens of thousands of asylum seekers to wait in Mexico for their cases to be heard. Several of the court's conservatives said they agreed with Texas state lawyers and Trump-appointed judges who ruled that U.S. immigration officials may not allow these migrants to enter this country. They pointed to a provision in the 1996 law that said asylum seekers "shall be detained" while their claims are heard. Solicitor Gen. Elizabeth B. Prelogar, representing the administration, argued there was "no way" the government could detain so many asylum seekers for months or years. She told the court there were 220,000 migrants at the border in one month last year, but only 32,000 could be held in detention. Traditionally, the court has given the executive branch broad authority to enforce the immigration laws, including reversing the policies of prior administrations. But it is not clear the Biden administration will prevail in its plan to repeal Trump's strict immigration policies. But state lawyers for Texas and Missouri sued and last year won nationwide orders from judges that required the new administration to maintain the prior Trump policy. In August of last year, the justices by a 6-3 vote refused an emergency appeal seeking to overturn the judge's order. And there was no clear sign during Tuesday's argument the majority will do so now. The case was Biden vs. Texas, and a ruling will be handed down by late June.

Bloomberg Government: Biden Unveils Border Plan Details After Democrat Defections (Ellen Gilmer)

The Biden administration is sharing new details of how it will manage increased border crossings when pandemic-related restrictions end, an effort to mollify the growing number of Democrats who've criticized the plan. The six-part strategy, which focuses on speeding up migrant processing and targeting smugglers, largely reflects actions the Department of Homeland Security has already outlined but includes more specifics. For example, DHS commits to using a process called expedited removal to quickly deport migrants who don't meet initial thresholds to seek asylum. The agency expects significant increases in migrant arrivals after the

termination of Title 42, a public health authority that has allowed the quick expulsion of migrants since 2020. The policy is set to lift May 23, but that timeline may be thrown off by legal action. "Many elements of this plan are already being implemented as we manage a historic number of encounters, including a record number of noncitizens trying to enter the United States multiple times," Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas wrote in a 20-page memo released Tuesday. "Others are elements that we are prepared to implement once the Title 42 termination goes into effect." DHS is working to prepare for as many as 18,000 migrants a day when Title 42 lifts. Moderate and politically vulnerable Democrats previously argued that the agency lacked a sufficient plan for the influx. It remains unclear whether the new memo will win them over.

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Thank you, Alice. Thanks to the team.
Ali
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ALEXANDRA (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
Subject: DHS Congressional Plan of the Day for Thursday, April 28, 2022

Good evening Secretary,

The congressional plan of the day for tomorrow is below. Additionally, the latest intel we have on schedule and topics for lines of questions are captured below. We will have updates for you on the Family Reunification Task Force and deported vets tomorrow morning. Let us know if there are questions.

Great job at both of your hearings today! I'll see you in the morning.

House Judiciary Hearing intel and schedule for tomorrow:

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HEARINGS

“Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security”

House Committee on the Judiciary

Witness: **DHS Secretary** Alejandro Mayorkas

10:00 a.m., 2141 Rayburn

“Nomination Hearing for U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Nominee Admiral Linda Fagan”

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation

Witness: Admiral Linda Fagan (USCG Vice Commandant)

10:00 a.m., 253 Russell

“Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency”

House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Witness: **CISA Director** Jen Easterly

1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn

LEGISLATION INITIATIVES OF NOTE

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Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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By ESEC at 10:50 am, May 04, 2022

Re: Significant Concerns Regarding the “Disinformation Governance Board”

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

We write on behalf of Protect Democracy, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University to express our concern regarding last week’s announcement that the Department of Homeland Security has established a “Disinformation Governance Board.”¹ Disinformation causes real harms, but the Constitution limits the government’s role in combating disinformation directly, and the government can play no useful role at all in the absence of public trust. The announcement of this Board, housed in a Department with a checkered record on civil liberties and without clarity and specificity on its mandate, has squandered that trust.

The initial report revealing the Board’s existence provided that the Board would “immediately begin focusing on misinformation aimed at migrants, a problem that has helped to fuel sudden surges at the U.S. southern border in recent years,” as well as “monitor and prepare for Russian disinformation threats.”² In an interview over the weekend, you further noted that the Board will “work[] to ensure that the way in which we address threats—the connectivity between threats and acts of violence—are addressed without infringing on free speech, protecting civil rights and civil liberties—the right of privacy. The Board . . . will draw from best practices and

¹ Amanda Seitz, *Disinformation Board to Tackle Russia, Migrant*, Assoc. Press (Apr. 28, 2022), <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-immigration-media-europe-misinformation-4e873389889bb1d9e2ad8659d9975e9d>.

² *Id.*

communicate those best practices to the operators”³ You also said that American citizens would not be monitored.⁴ Yesterday, the Department issued a statement providing that “[t]he Department identifies disinformation that threatens the homeland through publicly available sources, research conducted by academic and other institutions, and information shared by other federal agencies and partners” and “then shares factual information related to its mission to potentially impacted people and organizations.”⁵ The statement specifies that the Board was formed “with the explicit goal of ensuring . . . protections [for freedom of speech, civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy] are appropriately incorporated across DHS’s disinformation-related work and that rigorous safeguards are in place.”⁶ It also notes that the Board will “seek[] to coordinate the Department’s engagements on this subject with other federal agencies and a diverse range of external stakeholders.”⁷

We acknowledge and appreciate the Department’s recognition that mis- and disinformation is a significant problem, particularly with respect to non-English speaking communities.⁸ Those who intentionally spread disinformation can distort public discourse, interfere with elections, and undermine democracy. While we do not believe that there is a single solution to the problem of disinformation, among the solutions needed are the provision of timely, accurate, and trustworthy information by the government, as well as longer term support for education initiatives focused on media literacy. To the extent that the Board would simply ensure that the Department responds to publicly reported disinformation campaigns with timely, accurate information, we would generally welcome such an effort. In the 2020 election, for example, the Department’s Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency offered a timely

³ *Mayorkas: Disinformation Board Won’t Monitor American Citizens*, CNN (May 1, 2022), <https://edition.cnn.com/videos/politics/2022/05/01/mayorkas-on-disinformation-board.cnn>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Fact Sheet: DHS Internal Working Group Protects Free Speech and Other Fundamental Rights When Addressing Disinformation That Threatens the Security of the United States*, Dep’t of Homeland Sec. (May 2, 2022), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/05/02/fact-sheet-dhs-internal-working-group-protects-free-speech-other-fundamental-rights>.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *See, e.g., A Growing Threat: The Impact Of Disinformation Targeted At Communities Of Color Hearing Before Subcommittee on Elections H. Comm. on H. Admin.*, 117th Cong. (Apr. 28, 2022), available at <https://cha.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/growing-threat-impact-disinformation-targeted-communities-color>.

rebuttal to claims that there was widespread fraud in the 2020 election.⁹ That is one kind of work that the government can and should do to counteract disinformation.¹⁰

But for the government to play its appropriate role effectively, it must build trust and demonstrate a commitment to abiding by the strict limitations the Constitution places on its ability to combat disinformation, described in some more detail below. The way in which the Department has publicly announced the Board has fallen short on those fronts. Moreover, for the reasons below, we do not believe such an initiative should be housed at the Department. If the Administration is committed to housing it at the Department, though, the Department should at a minimum impose clear restrictions on the Board to ensure that it does not engage in more constitutionally suspect activities.

To the extent that the Board or the Department intends to take any measures to prohibit disinformation or otherwise punish the spread of disinformation or to engage in constitutionally suspect monitoring of communications of individuals in the United States or of citizens abroad, we urge the Department to reconsider for two primary reasons.

First, “[i]f there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein.”¹¹ Our First Amendment prohibits such efforts, and for good reason. We have learned the hard way that government initiatives to root out disfavored speech and ideas are dangerous and unwise.¹² Any effort to prohibit or punish the spread of “disinformation” by the Department would likely fall outside of what the Constitution permits, absent extraordinary circumstances and outside narrow categories of speech.

⁹ *Joint Statement from Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council & The Election Infrastructure Coordinating Executive Committees*, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (Nov. 12, 2020), <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/11/12/joint-statement-elections-infrastructure-government-coordinating-council-election>.

¹⁰ Another kind of work the government can and should do is to study emerging tools of disinformation and make recommendations on how to combat those tools, like “deep fakes.” See *Portman, Schatz, Ernst, Heinrich, Gardner, Peters, Rounds, Hassan Praise Senate Passage of Bipartisan Bill to Assess & Address Rising Threat of Deepfakes*, Rob Portman (Oct. 25, 2019), <https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/portman-schatz-ernst-heinrich-gardner-peters-rounds-hassan-praise-senate>.

¹¹ *W. Virginia State Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 642 (1943).

¹² *E.g., New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254, 273–74 (1964) (recounting the history of the Sedition Act of 1798, which was motivated in part by an effort to tamp down on misinformation, and noting that “[a]lthough the Sedition Act was never tested in [the Supreme] Court, the attack upon its validity has carried the day in the court of history”).

Second, the Department has a history of flouting the Constitution in flagrant ways. It is one of the least politically accountable agencies in our federal government,¹³ and it has often violated individuals' civil liberties. The Department has a particularly poor track record when it comes to "monitoring" individual's First Amendment-protected activities. From illegally surveilling Reverend Kaji Douša after she spoke out against the Trump Administration's immigration policies,¹⁴ to gathering intelligence on reporters that cover the Department,¹⁵ to monitoring the social media accounts of visa applicants,¹⁶ the Department has demonstrated a readiness to cross the legal bounds of privacy and speech rights. We therefore take little comfort from the Department's assurances that it will "protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties" as part of its duties."¹⁷

Even in the hands of well-intentioned, good-faith actors, any government board ostensibly tasked with monitoring and "govern[ing]" disinformation is a frightening prospect; in the wrong hands, such a board would be a potent tool for government censorship and retaliation. The Department now seems to suggest that the primary purpose of the Board is to ensure that civil liberties are protected in activities the Department is already engaged in. If that is the case, it is unfortunate that that purpose was so obscured in a confusing rollout that invited misperception and undermined trust.

We welcome the Department's recognition of the serious problems posed by mis- and disinformation. But for the reasons above, we question whether the Board can play a useful role in combating mis- and disinformation at this point and would encourage you to reconsider the

¹³ Scott Welder, Christine Kwon & Jennifer Dresden, *There's Just One Department of Homeland Security. So Why Does It Have So Many Bosses in Congress?*, Wash. Post (Oct. 21, 2021), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/10/21/theres-just-one-department-homeland-security-so-why-does-it-have-so-many-bosses-congress/>.

¹⁴ See *Douša v. DHS*, Protect Democracy, <https://protectdemocracy.org/project/dousa-v-dhs/> (last visited May 2, 2022).

¹⁵ E.g., Shane Harris, *DHS Compiled 'Intelligence Reports' on Journalists Who Published Leaked Documents*, Wash. Post (July 30, 2020), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/dhs-compiled-intelligence-reports-on-journalists-who-published-leaked-documents/2020/07/30/5be5ec9e-d25b-11ea-9038-af089b63ac21_story.html.

¹⁶ See *Doc Society v. Blinken*, Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, <https://knightcolumbia.org/cases/doc-society-v-blinken>.

¹⁷ Amanda Seitz, *Disinformation Board to Tackle Russia, Migrant*, Assoc. Press (Apr. 28, 2022), <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-immigration-media-europe-misinformation-4e873389889bb1d9e2ad8659d9975e9d>.

Board's existence or, at a minimum, promptly provide further clarity on the kinds of specific activities the Board will engage in and the activities it will be prohibited from engaging in. Should you wish to discuss this letter or our position, please contact John Langford, at john.langford@protectdemocracy.org or (202) 579-4582.

Sincerely,

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May 4, 2022

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

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By ESEC at 1:42 pm, May 04, 2022

Re: The "Disinformation Governance Board"

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

I am writing about the decision to create a bizarre "Disinformation Governance Board" at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Its sole function is to spy on American citizens, using authorization under the Patriot Act. Your job, and the DHS', was to protect Americans from foreign threats. You have now created an internal police force that is based on political speech and political concerns.

This board is not only unconstitutional and purely partisan, but it is a Soviet-style attempt to obliterate freedom of speech. Congress has not authorized this new department or funded it. Your DHS' February 7, 2022 terrorism bulletin cites a "heightened threat environment" due to domestic terrorism. The bulletin also states that "there is widespread online proliferation of false or misleading narratives regarding unsubstantiated widespread election fraud and COVID-19." And that "grievances associated with these themes inspired violent extremist attacks during 2021."

Almost every sentence is either false or at least subject to dispute. Certainly, there has been false information about the 2020 election and COVID-19. Most of it just happens to come from the Administration itself. But even if you disagree with that, you are not free to label this difference of opinion as "terrorism" and set up an illegal internal secret police. This is an outrageous abuse of civil rights and free speech.

My constituents were forced by the federal government to stay home, not go to school, and shut their businesses. Many were compelled to inject experimental and untested foreign biological material into their body. Many were denied proper treatment for COVID-19 while they watched other nations in real time successfully treat their citizens with remedial and effective drugs. The people have a right to speak about this and share their perspectives and displeasure, without the DHS declaring them terrorists or sharers of disinformation.

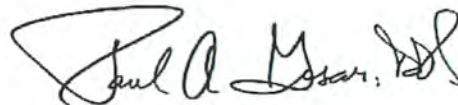
This Administration's efforts to propagandize and mislead Americans is not limited to your new Censorship Board. In February 2021, the DOD ordered a "directed standdown" "to address the issue of extremism in the ranks." 62.9% of all new money requested by DOJ in FY 2022 was for the purpose of fighting "domestic violent extremists"—which included the hiring of 299 new employees. And in October 2021, Attorney General Garland directed the full force of federal law enforcement against parents outraged over their children's indoctrination in support of sexual deviancy, pedophilia, grooming, and sexual mutilation in the name of gender dysphoria. Parents should be outraged, and you should be ashamed to support the sexual mutilation of our children. But at the very least you should end your efforts to classify these parents as terrorists.

Please also respond to the following questions:

1. Could you explain why violence from BLM and Antifa is not listed as violent extremism?
2. Can you explain why the recent mass killings by two Black Nationalists were not deemed domestic violent extremism?
3. Could you please list all the "violent extremist attacks in 2021?" Your bulletin and testimony are entirely devoid of evidence.
4. Could you please list property damage and lives lost due to "violent extremist attacks in 2021"?
5. Please list and identify all monetary damage and lives lost due to BLM riots in the summer of 2020?
6. Please identify all congressional sources authorizing a censorship board as being constructed by your office.
7. What is the amount you are budgeting for the new disinformation board?

Thank you for addressing my concerns. Please adhere to all rules and regulations when addressing these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

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The MDM Governance Board

Charter

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**Homeland
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September 13, 2021

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Robert Silvers /s/
Under Secretary
Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

Samantha Vinograd /s/
Senior Counselor for National Security
Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT: Organizing DHS Efforts to Counter Disinformation

The spread of disinformation¹ presents serious homeland security risks:

- Conspiracy theories about the validity and security of elections may undermine trust in core democratic institutions, amplify threats against election personnel, and jeopardize the voting rights of vulnerable communities.
- Disinformation related to the origins and effects of COVID-19 vaccines or the efficacy of masks undercuts public health efforts to combat the pandemic.
- Foreign terrorists, nation-states, and domestic violent extremist (DVE) groups leverage disinformation narratives to amplify calls to violence, including racially or ethnically motivated and anti-government/anti-authority violence. These actors often amplify and exploit narratives that already exist in public discourse, such as disinformation surrounding the validity of the 2020 election underpinning calls to violence on January 6, 2021.
- Disinformation can complicate the performance of core DHS missions. Falsehoods surrounding U.S. Government immigration policy drive vulnerable populations to pay smugglers to bring them on the dangerous journey to our southern border. Disinformation can hamper emergency responders in the aftermath of natural disasters or other incident responses.

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DHS Functions and Existing Efforts to Counter Disinformation

DHS components are already engaged in countering disinformation, with activities falling into five functions that are performed by the components themselves or through third-party resources: 1) identification of disinformation relevant to DHS's mission; 2) analysis of its source and influence; 3) information sharing regarding threats posed by disinformation, 4) response to the disinformation threat; and 5) building resilience to disinformation. There is also excellent work being done by interagency partners, the private sector, and academia—particularly concerning identifying and analyzing disinformation—and DHS should leverage this work when possible.

- 1) *Identification*: Information gathering on disinformation threats and trends.
 - I&A's Homeland Influence Task Force collects information on possible disinformation from publicly available sources as well as other intelligence sources where the collection furthers one of I&A's authorized intelligence missions, such as foreign intelligence and protection of critical infrastructure.
 - CISA gathered information on disinformation related to the elections with SLTT partners leading up to the 2020 election and has limited authority to collect information on disinformation related to critical infrastructure.
- 2) *Analysis*: Assessing the impact of specific disinformation narratives on the homeland or on DHS missions.
 - I&A, as well as other components engaging in intelligence and analytic functions, produce analysis on disinformation threats, whom they may be targeting, and what attendant risks might arise.
- 3) *Information Sharing*: Providing timely, quality information on disinformation threats and strategic trends to stakeholders including SLTT authorities, private sector partners, or the public directly.
 - Leading up to the 2020 election, CISA relayed reports of election disinformation from election officials to social media platform operators.

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- I&A distributes intelligence products to SLTT partners related to disinformation threats. Most recently, I&A issued a Public Safety Notification concerning the possible threat of violence motivated by conspiracy theories related to the “reinstatement” of former President Trump.
 - The August 13, 2021 National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin referenced the threat of disinformation spread by foreign and domestic threat actors.
- 4) *Response:* Factually countering disinformation through public communications channels to mitigate related threats, increase awareness, and improve public safety.
- During the 2020 election, CISA maintained a ‘Rumor Control’ website to counter foreign disinformation related to the security and conduct of the vote. CISA sought to ‘prebunk’ incorrect claims with factual information.
 - In your August 12, 2021 public remarks in Brownsville, TX concerning the southwest border, you stated your intention to “debunk false information that has been spread,” sharing factual information about the situation on the ground and DHS’s border enforcement and policies.
- 5) *Building Resilience:* Improving the public’s ability to detect disinformation through digital and media literacy, where DHS has a unique role to play, programs and civic education. These programs are coordinated with federal, SLTT, and private sector partners.
- CISA launched a graphic novel series to reach potentially impacted communities in a non-traditional way. The novels educate on the dangers of disinformation and how to detect it.

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To: DASKAL, JENNIFER / (b)(6)

Subject: what do you think?

Date: 2022/01/26 19:37:09

Priority: Normal

Type: Note

Hi – I know we are still finalizing the document but as I work to finish the ED's position description do you have any views on the title of the Board? (b)(5)

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From: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:47 AM

To: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)

SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW

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Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication

Hi – I am done going through the document.

I think we should (b)(5)

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Sam

From: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 8:54 PM

To: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)

SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW

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Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication

Eric – thank you and sorry for the delay.

On the name (b)(5)

In terms of membership, (b)(5)

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@DASKAL, JENNIFER what do you think?

Also sorry I can't tell but who added (b)(5)

From: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 11:01 AM

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(b)(6) SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW

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Subject: MDM Charter Adjudication

Hi Sam, Jen, Lucian, and Andy—

I have completed adjudicating components' comments on the draft MDM Governance Board Charter that we circulated last week. Please see linked below redline and clean versions of the charter. (b)(5)

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Happy to hop on a call to discuss either later today or at another point this week. We may consider

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Eric

Eric Falcon (he/him)

Advisor

Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

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Hon. Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Re: DHS's Disinformation Governance Board Must Be Disbanded.

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

As the chief legal officers of our respective States, we the undersigned Attorneys General are tasked not just with enforcing the laws, but with protecting the constitutional rights of all our citizens. Today we write you to insist that you immediately cease taking action that appears designed exclusively for the purpose of suppressing the exercise of constitutional rights.

Every American knows that the Constitution forbids the government to "abridg[e] the freedom of speech." U.S. Const. Amend. I. As Justice Robert Jackson wrote nearly eighty years ago, "[i]f there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion." *West Virginia State Bd. of Educ. v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 642 (1943). Your recent testimony before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security,¹ however, indicated that the Department of Homeland Security, under your leadership, is doing exactly that: prescribing orthodoxy by slapping a federal-government label of "disinformation" or "misinformation" on speech that government bureaucrats, operating behind closed doors, decree to be improper. This is an unacceptable and downright alarming encroachment on every citizen's right to express his or her opinions, engage in political debate, and disagree with the government. The Biden Administration's

¹ *Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Homeland Security of the H. Appropriations Comm.*, 117th Cong. (Apr. 27, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/2p96f7pt>.

latest effort to decide what speech is “acceptable” and “orthodox” combines McCarthyite speech policing with the secrecy of the English Star Chamber. In short, you seem to have misunderstood George Orwell: the “Ministry of Truth” described in *1984* was intended as a warning against the dangers of socialism, not as a model government agency. “MiniTru” and its thuggish apparatchiks are the villains in that story, not the heroes. For the sake of our democracy, you must immediately disband the “Disinformation Governance Board” and cease all efforts to police Americans’ protected speech.

The existence of the Disinformation Governance Board will inevitably have a chilling effect on free speech. Americans will hesitate before they voice their constitutionally protected opinions, knowing that the government’s censors may be watching, and some will decide it is safer to keep their opinions to themselves. The resulting damage to our political system and our culture will be incalculable: as a democracy, our political debates and decisions are supposed to take place in the public square, where every citizen can participate, rather than in government office buildings where hand-picked and unaccountable partisan committees are insulated from public supervision and criticism.

The timing of the Disinformation Governance Board’s creation is also highly suspect. For years, many have defended Twitter’s open censorship of voices hostile to the elite consensus by arguing that private companies enjoy the right to determine what is said on their platforms. This argument only works, however, if those private companies are not censoring on the government’s behalf. By its own admission, the Biden Administration has been “flagging problematic posts” on social media and coordinating with the private sector to regulate Americans’ free speech.² The President of the United States publicly urged social media companies to police “misinformation and disinformation” on their platforms.³ Suddenly, just as Elon Musk prepares to acquire Twitter with the stated purpose of correcting the platform’s censorship of free speech, you announce the creation of the Disinformation Governance Board. As the Biden Administration apparently loses a critical ally in its campaign to suppress speech it deems “problematic,” you have created a new government body to continue that work within the federal government. The contemporaneous occurrence of these two events is hard to explain away as mere coincidence. It instead raises serious questions about the extent of the Biden Administration’s practice of coordinating with private-sector companies to suppress disfavored speech.

² Press Briefing by Press Secretary Jen Psaki and Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, July 15, 2021, The White House (July 15, 2021), <https://tinyurl.com/bdsc4jhh> (“[W]e are in regular touch with these social media platforms, and those engagements typically happen through members of our senior staff . . .”).

³ Remarks by President Biden at Virtual Meeting on Military Deployments Supporting Hospitals for the COVID-19 Response, The White House (January 13, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/45ezsejt> (“I make a special appeal to social media companies and media outlets: Please deal with the misinformation and disinformation that’s on your shows. It has to stop.”).

Virginia, like many other States, is preparing to conduct federal, state, and local elections beginning with early primary voting this week. Virginians are evaluating candidates and their platforms, trying to persuade their friends and neighbors, and debating the merits of innumerable political and moral questions, from international conflicts to local disputes. And just like always, the public conversation will include disputes over facts, and potentially even intentional misstatements of fact. But as Justice Brandeis explained long ago, “the remedy to be applied is more speech, not enforced silence.” *Whitney v. California*, 274 U.S. 357, 377 (1927) (Brandeis, J., concurring). Your censorship will not drown out misinformation; it will suppress the lawful speech of well-meaning but unpopular speakers, and it will turn bad actors into martyrs with far more influence than if you simply allowed “more speech” to combat their alleged misinformation.

No statutory authority exists to support your creation of a board of government censors. Although Congress has considered a variety of measures to address the perceived dangers of “disinformation” in the United States, none has passed.⁴ Instead, while the people’s elected representatives continue to debate this issue, you have arrogated to yourself the power to address it without congressional authorization, despite the far-reaching effects of the Disinformation Governance Board on Americans and our political process. “It is axiomatic that an administrative agency’s power to promulgate legislative regulations is limited to the authority delegated by Congress.” *Bowen v. Georgetown Univ. Hosp.*, 488 U.S. 204, 208 (1988). By flouting that essential check on the power of the Executive Branch, you undermine the separation of powers and dramatically overstep your authority and the jurisdiction of your agency.

There is perhaps no clearer illustration of the folly of the Disinformation Governance Board than the consistently poor judgment of the person you have made its executive director, Nina Jankowicz.⁵ Ms. Jankowicz—the self-styled “Mary Poppins of disinformation”⁶—is like so many who complain about misinformation and disinformation: she is often in error but never in doubt. She has previously suggested news that Hunter Biden’s laptop had been compromised was the product of a foreign disinformation campaign.⁷ She asserted that the theory tracing COVID-19 to a lab

⁴ See, e.g., COVID-19 Disinformation Research and Reporting Act of 2021, S. 913, 117th Cong. (2021); A Bill To Amend the Communications Act of 1934, S. 2448, 117th Cong. (2021).

⁵ Nina Jankowicz, The Wilson Center (last accessed May 1, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/4xc7evwh>.

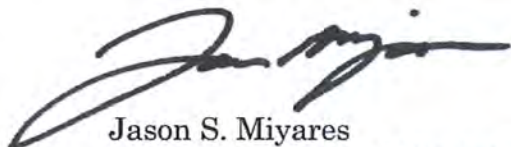
⁶ Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Feb. 17, 2021, 4:35 PM), <https://tinyurl.com/5amkbaa9>.

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leak in China was invented because it was “politically convenient for Trump,”⁸ although the intelligence community now assesses that this theory may very well be correct.⁹ She has even praised Christopher Steele, the discredited author of the infamous false “dossier” about President Trump, and one of the most notable peddlers of disinformation in recent memory.¹⁰ It would be amusing that a self-proclaimed expert in disinformation like Ms. Jankowicz has proven to be so bad at identifying it, except that you have placed her in charge of doing so on behalf of the United States government.¹¹ It is also extremely troubling that Ms. Jankowicz has described parents in Loudoun County, Virginia who object to the indoctrination of their children with Critical Race Theory as “disinformers” engaged in “disinformation for profit.”¹²

The Disinformation Governance Board, by its very existence, and almost certainly by design, threatens to “enforce silence” when Americans wish to express views disfavored by the Administration. It is therefore *already* chilling free speech and impeding the political process in Virginia and every other State. This is unconstitutional, illegal, and un-American. Unless you turn back now and disband this Orwellian Disinformation Governance Board immediately, the undersigned will have no choice but to consider judicial remedies to protect the rights of their citizens.

Sincerely,



Jason S. Miyares
Attorney General of Virginia

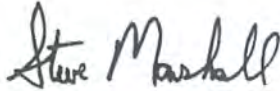
⁸ Ryan Broderick, *Scientists Haven't Found Proof the Coronavirus Escaped from a Lab in Wuhan. Trump Supporters Are Spreading the Rumor Anyway.*, BuzzFeed News (April 22, 2020), <https://tinyurl.com/ytfmthpe>.

⁹ Michael R. Gordon, Warren P. Strobel, Drew Hinshaw, *Intelligence on Sick Staff at Wuhan Lab Fuels Debate on Covid-19 Origin*, Wall Street Journal (May 23, 2021), <https://tinyurl.com/ytesmtbd>.

¹⁰ Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Aug. 7, 2020, 7:06 AM), <https://tinyurl.com/yc3asr89>; Marshall Cohen, *The Steele dossier: A Reckoning*, CNN (Nov. 18, 2021), <https://tinyurl.com/3wwmyhet>.

¹¹ See also Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Apr. 25, 2022, 1:29 PM), <https://tinyurl.com/3r93he5p> (“I shudder to think about if free speech absolutists were taking over more platforms . . .”).

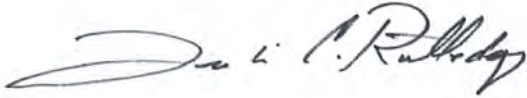
¹² Harriett Alexander, *Biden's New Disinformation Czar Said Fears About CRT in Loudoun County Schools Are "Disinformation For Profit"—Despite Entire School Board Now Facing Being Voted Out Over Woke "Equity" Seminars For Teachers*, Daily Mail Online (May 5, 2022), <https://tinyurl.com/2p9yw7ur>.



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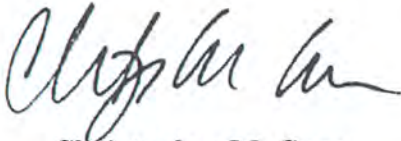
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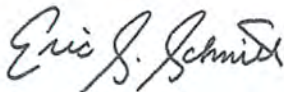
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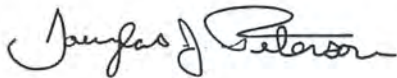
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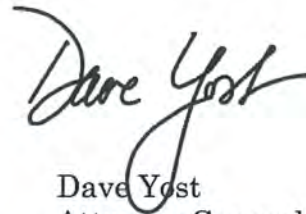
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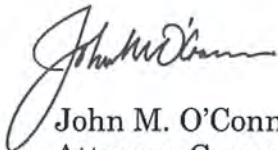
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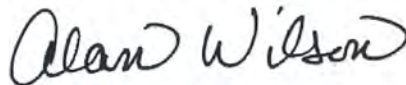
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Hon. Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, United States House of Representatives

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Subject: FW: The Hill: GOP seeks testimony from DHS disinformation board head

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Cc: O'CONNOR, KIMBERLY (b)(6)
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The Hill: GOP seeks testimony from DHS disinformation board head (Emily Brooks)

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Subject: Re: MDM Charter Adjudication

Date: 2022/01/20 21:13:02

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Thank you, Jen. Looking forward to seeing the updated version after your edits.

On membership, (b)(5)

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For the name, (b)(5)

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Eric

From: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 9:01:12 PM

To: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6) VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA

(b)(6) SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6) FAUSETT,
ANDREW (b)(6)

Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication

Hi all,

I started to go through this and am making a number of edits. Staying true to the edits, but now that we have all the feedback just wanted to streamline/make it plain English.

On the name, (b)(5)

And on membership, (b)(5)

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Thoughts?

Jen

From: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 8:57 PM
To: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6); DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6); FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)
Subject: Re: MDM Charter Adjudication

Hi Sam— (b)(5)
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From: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 8:54:16 PM
To: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6); DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6); FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)
Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication

Eric – thank you and sorry for the delay.

On the name (b)(5)
In terms of membership (b)(5)
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@DASKAL, JENNIFER what do you think?

Also sorry I can't tell but who added (b)(5)

From: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 11:01 AM
To: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6); DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6); SIKORSKYJ, LUCIAN (b)(6); FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)
Subject: MDM Charter Adjudication

Hi Sam, Jen, Lucian, and Andy—

I have completed adjudicating components' comments on the draft MDM Governance Board Charter that we circulated last week. Please see linked below redline and clean versions of the charter (b)(5)

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Happy to hop on a call to discuss either later today or at another point this week. We may consider

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Eric

Eric Falcon (he/him)

Advisor

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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CC: MEYER, JONATHAN /o=(b)(6)
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ESPINOSA, MARSHA /o=(b)(6)
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Subject: Re: FOR OGC REVIEW: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

Date: 2022/05/04 10:47:35

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Type: Note

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From: SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:14 AM
To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)
Cc: LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) SEIDMAN, RICKI (b)(6)
MEYER, JONATHAN (b)(6)
Subject: FOR OGC REVIEW: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

Hi Jen - can you take a look at the below in advance of **this afternoon?**

Pulled out from the RTQ if it's easier to edit in that doc. Just want to make sure we have the OGC ok.

Ty!

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From: VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 6:35 PM

To: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) DASKAL,
JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)
Cc: HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6) Mehringer, Holly
(b)(6) SEIDMAN, RICKI (b)(6) SILVERS,
ROBERT (b)(6) CANEGALLO, KRISTIE
(b)(6) WATERS, ERIN (b)(6) JANKOWICZ,

NINA (b)(6)

Subject: RE: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

Thanks so much. Edits embedded and avail to discuss any/all.

From: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 6:06 PM

To: PECK, SARAH (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) LUGO, ALICE

(b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason

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JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA

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Subject: RE: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

+ Nina and Sam

Pls don't share further.

Folks should please aim to wrap up their edits by 7 pm ET at the latest. Thanks.

From: PECK, SARAH (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 5:31 PM

To: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) LUGO,

ALICE (b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason

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Subject: Re: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

OPA continues to update the RTQ on this issue in the shared doc:

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I added in OLA's questions and some of the answers but it would be great if Jen or Isa could help with responses to a few of the new ones. And as a reminder we shouldn't share the link outside of this group.

From: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 3:34:01 PM

To: SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) DASKAL,

JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6) ESPINOSA,

MARSHA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH (b)(6)

Cc: HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6) Mehringer, Holly (b)(6)

SEIDMAN, RICKI (b)(6) SILVERS, ROBERT (b)(6)
CANEGALLO, KRISTIE (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

Thank you. I understand a hard Q&A is being finalized?

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From: SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 3:31:37 PM
To: LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6) HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6) Mehringer, Holly (b)(6)
Subject: Re: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

+Holly. Isa the DGB questions from HSGAC are at bottom of this email.

From: LUGO, ALICE (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:53 PM
To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6) HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [For Review] Senate Letters

+ chloe

Alice Lugo
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: LUGO, ALICE
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:53 PM
To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [For Review] Senate Letters

These are the letters the questions were pulled from.

Alice Lugo
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:51 PM
To: Lamote, Jason (b)(6) LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY
(b)(6) ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6) PECK, SARAH
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Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [For Review] Senate Letters

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Jason, Alice –

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Jen

From: Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:44 PM
To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) LUGO, ALICE (b)(6) SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: [For Review] Senate Letters

Jen, here's the letter

From: Kozey, Elizabeth (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:28:50 AM
To: Lamote, Jason (b)(6) VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA
(b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)
Cc: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW
(b)(6) Fischer, Sebastian (He/Him) (b)(6)
Subject: [For Review] Senate Letters

Hi Jason,
Please see our draft response attached. Once Sam/Jen have the opportunity to review and provide feedback, we should be all set.

Sam/Jen,
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Liz

Liz Kozey

Senior Advisor (*detailee*)

Office of Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention

Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Lamote, Jason (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:07 AM

To: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) Kozey, Elizabeth

(b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Senate Letters

Please let me know if/when you have additional feedback on these responses.

Jason Lamote

Director - Cyber, Intelligence, Operations

Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Lamote, Jason

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:38 PM

To: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) Kozey, Elizabeth

(b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)

Subject: Senate Letters

OLA would like us to coordinate responses to the questions raised in the Senate letters that can be used at S1 hearing preps on Monday and later next week. I've taken a first stab at most of the questions. Can you please review, edit, and add content as you recommend?

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Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication


Date: 2022/01/17 17:28:56

Priority: Normal

Type: Note

Thank you so much!

For clarity, Andy included his edits/comments at the link below:

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Eric

From: FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)
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To: FALCON, ERIC (b)(6) VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA
(b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) SIKORSKYJ,
LUCIAN (b)(6)
Subject: RE: MDM Charter Adjudication

Eric,

Thanks for taking the laboring oar on this (b)(5)

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Hope this is helpful. Please let me know if anything gives you pause.

Best,

Andy

Andrew Fausett
Assistant General Counsel for Information Sharing
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Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans
Executive Director, Disinformation Governance Board
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INTRODUCTION

This position is located in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY). PLCY provides policy development and coordination, strategy, planning and analysis to the DHS Secretary and other Departmental leaders to facilitate decisionmaking and other critical matters that may arise in a dynamic homeland security threat environment. PLCY is responsible for strengthening our Nation's homeland security by developing DHS-wide policies, programs, and planning to promote and ensure quality, consistency and integration across all homeland security missions.

Accordingly, PLCY serves as a liaison between the Office of the Secretary (and Deputy Secretary) and DHS Components, coordinating Departmental decisions and actions, as well as managing the Department's official relations in interagency policy fora, with the White House, and with other Federal agencies and international governments. PLCY supports the Secretary with accurate and timely formulation and implementation of policy throughout DHS and with our homeland security partners. The incumbent develops and coordinates DHS-wide policies and provides advice and consultation to DHS Components & Offices and other Federal agencies.

Specifically, the incumbent serves as Executive Director, Disinformation Governance Board ("the Board"). He or she guides and supports the Department's efforts to address mis-, dis-, and mal-information (MDM) that threaten homeland security and ensures that through the Board Departmental efforts are coordinated and harmonized, both within DHS and with the interagency, to ensure efficiency, unity of effort, and promotion of best practices.

MAJOR DUTIES

The incumbent is responsible for contributing to the development, integration, and alignment of policy and strategy across the Department in the areas of countering MDM in its mission spaces, to include identifying MDM that threatens homeland security, assessing and analyzing the risk that such MDM poses to homeland security, building resilience to MDM, and responding to these MDM threats.

Partnering with relevant Components and Offices, the incumbent will develop and support the implementation of policies and protocols that, among other issues, ensure respect for privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties; support and help harmonize coordination with other departments and agencies, the private sector, and non-governmental actors; and support research and development efforts to understand the MDM threat to homeland security. He or she advises the Assistant Secretary; ensures the Board is coordinated across DHS Components; and supports and implements engagement with the National Security Council (NSC) staff and with other federal, international, state and local governments, academia, and private sector stakeholders to a unified DHS-wide approach.

The incumbent directs the Board's review of existing MDM policies and practices across the Department, including policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards (a) to ensure compliance with applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory obligations; (b) to ensure appropriate privacy and civil rights and civil liberties protections; and (c) for interactions with the private, non-profit, and academic sectors. With Board members, the incumbent is responsible for developing guidance, best practices, and recommendations with respect to MDM efforts; implementation of appropriate privacy and civil rights and civil liberties protections; procurement guidelines for contracting or funding third parties to support the Department's MDM efforts; grant funding and cooperative agreements; the development and implementation new technological and data tools; and any other applicable best practices to guide the lines of effort with respect to identification, risk assessment, response, and building resilience.

The incumbent directs the Board's development of reports for Departmental leadership, to include the Secretary, addressing MDM-related privacy and civil rights and civil liberties concerns, MDM mitigation efforts, and strategic priorities on MDM. He or she receives and directs the appropriate distribution of regular and routine updates from Department components and headquarter offices, the intelligence community, and partners on MDM narratives that threaten homeland security; he or she directs the harmonization of activities by the Department and relevant components to counter MDM threats, including with respect to external outreach; coordinates the Department's response to federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private sector, or other nongovernmental partners that raise concerns about MDM threats to DHS through the component or components with the appropriate authorities to address them; and serves as a headquarters official for receiving, coordinating, responding to, and interacting with interagency partners, including the Executive Office of the President, for general MDM policy matters not related to the performance of intelligence activities.

As the Board's director, ensures that this work is managed collaboratively, in such a way that members are fully engaged, informed, and well prepared to contribute to the Board's mission. The incumbent is responsible for the successful management of the Board's activities, to include scheduling and preparing for engagements/meetings, developing materials for member deliberations, briefing members, developing and tracking after-actions, preparing executive summaries, reporting the Board's work to senior leadership, etc.

He or she ensures that the Board partners with policy, legal, and operational personnel at appropriate DHS components and headquarter offices and other federal agencies to achieve mission critical goals. He or she ensures that appropriate departments, agencies, and components within the Federal government are appraised and engaged in analyzing pertinent information on policy matters. He or she ensures that the Board coordinates, gathers, and analyzes information needed to ascertain impacts of existing, proposed, or new policy.

He or she serves as a recognized expert in the development, implementation, and continual evaluation of policies affecting DHS. Provides advice and guidance to senior officials on matters involving the analysis, evaluation, and assessment of program implementation, policies, and procedures and operational guidance to assist

in the resolution of program implementation issues involving domestic, international, legal, and social concerns that impact DHS programs.

Leads and performs complex analyses and studies for effectiveness in meeting goals and accomplishing program objectives. Determines the viability, consistency, and clarity of program policies and operational guidance and conducts in-depth reviews to determine resource levels required to accomplish programs in an efficient and effective manner.

Formulates and recommends plans to improve program policies, practices, methods, and organizational structure. Translates management goals and objectives into policy and evaluates progress and results. Adjusts progress schedules and priorities to meet new requirements or unforeseen situations. Develops, coordinates, and implements strategic plans to include mission, goals, objectives, and implementation strategies. Formulates and implements plans to improve program policies, practices, methods, and organizational structure.

Performs other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

Incumbent serves under the direction of a PLCY Assistant Secretary, although he or she exercises independent judgment in instances where established policies or procedures apply. Other than on matters of unusual significance, the incumbent's decisions and judgments are generally not reviewed. He or she decides when a particular matter should be brought to the attention of the Assistant Secretary.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

This position has been designated as SPECIAL SENSITIVE and requires a security clearance at the TOP SECRET level, with access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS-SCI) as the individual will be required to access, process, use, and safeguard classified information. The employee is required to obtain and maintain this clearance level and failure to do so may result in separation from the position.

This is a Drug Testing Designated Position (TDP) and is covered by the Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Drug-Free Workplace Program. The incumbent is required to sign a Condition of Employment form (for certain positions identified as critical under the drug testing program) and must pass urinalysis testing, as required prior to appointment, reassignment, or transfer, and employee will be subject to random testing while employed with the Department in a TDP.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The incumbent of this position requested for Schedule C exception will not be able to adequately perform his/her duties without having privileged information regarding the political, personal, and management philosophies of the Assistant Secretary, a non-career (political) SES. A confidential relationship of a Schedule C nature is imperative since the incumbent will speak for the Assistant Secretary and other PLCY leadership, and as such, will be expected to reflect his/her supervisor's philosophies in

conversations with leading figures of the Government, business, and other groups. The incumbent will be obligated to present the views of the Assistant Secretary in correspondence and other communications with agency managers and program officials.

FLSA EVALUATION

☐ Executive Exemption

☐ Exercises appropriate management responsibility (primary duty) over a recognized organizational unit with a continuing function, and

☐ Customarily and regularly directs 2 or more employees, and

☐ Has the authority to make or recommend hiring, firing, or other status-change decisions, when such recommendations have particular weight.

Note: Shared supervision or "matrix management" responsibility for a project team does not meet the above criteria. Limited "assistant manager" functions or "acting in the absence" of the manager does not meet the above criteria.

☐ Professional Exemption

☐ Professional work (primary duty)

☐ Learned Professional, (See 5 CFR, 551.208)

(Registered Nurses, Dental Hygienists, Physician's Assistants, Medical Technologists, Teachers,

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Engineers, Architects, and Accountants at the independent level as just some of the typical examples of exempt professionals)

or

☐ Creative Professional, (See 5 CFR 551.209), or

☐ Computer Employee (See 5 CFR 551.210; must meet salary test and perform such duties as system analysis, program/system design, or program/system testing, documentation, and modification). Computer manufacture or repair is excluded (non-exempt work).

Met X Administrative Exemption

Met X Primary duty consistent with 5 CFR 551 (e.g.; non-manual work directly related to the management or general business operations of the employer or its customers), AND job duties require exercise of discretion & independent judgment.

Conclusion: Exempt FLSA = EXEMPT

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Subject: RE: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

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I've taken a look and responded to a few comments. There are a few more in there that predate my joining the Department that I think Jen or Sam should be able to address.

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Perfect. Yes, let's consolidate relevant items in the RTQ doc. Thank you.

From: SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
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To clarify on the hard q's, we're relying on OPA's excellent work in the RTQ. Will revert with examples

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Pls don't share further.

Folks should please aim to wrap up their edits by 7 pm ET at the latest. Thanks.

From: PECK, SARAH (b)(6)
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OPA continues to update the RTQ on this issue in the shared doc:

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I added in OLA's questions and some of the answers but it would be great if Jen or Isa could help with responses to a few of the new ones. And as a reminder we shouldn't share the link outside of this group.

From: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

Thank you. I understand a hard Q&A is being finalized?

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From: SHENKLE, ABBY (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: [For Review] DGB Senate Letters

+Holly. Isa the DGB questions from HSGAC are at bottom of this email.

From: LUGO, ALICE (b)(6)
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To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
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Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6) HIMMEL, CHLOE (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [For Review] Senate Letters

+ chloe

Alice Lugo
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

From: LUGO, ALICE
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:53 PM
To: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6) Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
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Cc: ULLOA, ISABELLA (b)(6)
Subject: RE: [For Review] Senate Letters

These are the letters the questions were pulled from.

Alice Lugo
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Jason, Alice –

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Jen

From: Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
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Subject: Fwd: [For Review] Senate Letters

Jen, here's the letter

From: Kozey, Elizabeth (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:28:50 AM
To: Lamote, Jason (b)(6) VINOGRAD, SAMANTHA (b)(6) DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)
Cc: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6) Fischer, Sebastian (He/Him) (b)(6)
Subject: [For Review] Senate Letters

Hi Jason,
Please see our draft response attached. Once Sam/Jen have the opportunity to review and provide feedback, we should be all set.

Sam/Jen,
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Liz

Liz Kozey

Senior Advisor (*detailee*)

Office of Counterterrorism and Threat Prevention

Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Lamote, Jason (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:07 AM
To: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) Kozey, Elizabeth (b)(6) FAUSETT, ANDREW (b)(6)
Subject: RE: Senate Letters

Please let me know if/when you have additional feedback on these responses.

Jason Lamote

Director - Cyber, Intelligence, Operations
Office of Legislative Affairs

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Lamote, Jason

Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 2:38 PM

To: JANKOWICZ, NINA (b)(6) Kozey, Elizabeth

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Subject: Senate Letters

OLA would like us to coordinate responses to the questions raised in the Senate letters that can be used at S1 hearing preps on Monday and later next week. I've taken a first stab at most of the questions. Can you please review, edit, and add content as you recommend?

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Summary of Disinformation Governance Board Roles and Responsibilities

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April 27, 2022

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

I write to request information regarding the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) plans to create a "Disinformation Governance Board" to purportedly counter misinformation related to homeland security issues. On April 27, 2022, *Politico* reported DHS is particularly focused on information related to "irregular migration and Russia."¹ Nina Jankowicz confirmed reports that she will serve as this board's executive director.²

The Biden Administration has not proven itself to be a credible arbiter of "disinformation." Instead, it has taken steps to silence information that is unflattering to this Administration under the guise of "disinformation." For example, unnamed intelligence officials, the media, and social media platforms engaged in a coordinated effort to censor stories about Hunter Biden's laptop and his questionable financial dealings under the false label of "disinformation."³

In fact, Ms. Jankowicz herself has been a beacon of misinformation online. She has published multiple tweets furthering the false media narrative about the Hunter Biden laptop.⁴ In one tweet she wrote, "IC has a high degree of confidence that the Kremlin used proxies to push influence narratives, including misleading or unsubstantiated claims about President Biden, to US media, officials, and influencers, some close to President Trump. A clear nod to the alleged Hunter laptop."⁵ In another, she referred to the origins of how the media came into possession of the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop as a "fairy tale about a laptop repair shop."⁶ She has also

¹ Eugene Daniels, Rachael Bade, and Ryan Lizza, "POLITICO Playbook: Fauci Pulls out of WHCD. Is Biden next?" *POLITICO*, April 27, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/playbook/2022/04/27/fauci-pulls-out-of-whcd-is-biden-next-00028131>.

² Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (April 27, 2022, 7:17 AM), <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1519274470049042432>

³ Tyler Olsen, President Biden said Hunter laptop was Russian disinformation, but son now says it "could" be his," *Fox News*, Apr. 2, 2021, available at <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/president-biden-said-hunter-laptop-was-russian-disinformation-but-son-now-says-it-could-be-his>.

⁴ See Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Oct. 22, 2020, 8:15 AM), <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1319251093298302976> (promoting an article that questioned the accuracy of the *New York Post*'s reporting on the Hunter Biden laptop); see also Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Oct. 22, 2020, 10:18 PM), <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1319463138107031553>.

⁵ Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (March 16, 2021, 2:22 PM), <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1371889543582990336>.

⁶ Nina Jankowicz (@wiczipedia), Twitter (Oct. 22, 2020, 8:39 AM), <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1319257015651368960>.

posted tweets pushing the Trump-Russia collusion hoax and another implying the United States is as corrupt as Ukraine.⁷

Now, DHS is creating a board to counter misinformation focusing on irregular migration and Russia and appointing a purveyor of misinformation to lead that effort.⁸ DHS is taking this action just weeks after announcing its plans to stop Title 42 expulsions at the southwest border, which has sparked a surge of illegal migrant crossing at the border, with CBP reporting an average of over 7,000 encounters a day in March 2022 compared with over 5,900 a day in February 2022.⁹ DHS even concedes it needs to be prepared to encounter 18,000 migrants a day at the southwest border once Title 42 is lifted.¹⁰

You claim this Administration's border policies are humane, but the crises caused by your policies have only added to the many tragedies caused by illegal immigration. I am concerned DHS's Disinformation Board will only serve to silence or censor those voices critical of your disastrous policies and serve a political cover for your failure to secure the border.

1. Provide the statute allowing DHS to create the Disinformation Board, appoint board members, and assign or hire staff.
2. How does DHS define "misinformation"?
3. What does DHS consider to be "irregular migration"?
4. What does DHS consider to be misinformation about irregular migration?
5. What DHS component or office is responsible for monitoring and collecting data on "misinformation"? How many staff are tasked with this assignment? What are their job descriptions and classifications?
6. What specific actions does DHS intend to take to "counter misinformation"?

⁷ See Nina Jankowicz (@wicipedia), Twitter (May 1, 2018, 6:50 AM), <https://twitter.com/wicipedia/status/991268617965600768>, see also Nina Jankowicz (@wicipedia), Twitter (Jan. 6, 2021, 3:50 PM) <https://twitter.com/wicipedia/status/1346922196476706819>.

⁸ Eugene Daniels, Rachael Bade, and Ryan Lizza, "POLITICO Playbook: Fauci Pulls out of WHCD. Is Biden next?" POLITICO, April 27, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/playbook/2022/04/27/fauci-pulls-out-of-whcd-is-biden-next-00028131>.

⁹ "Southwest Land Border Encounters," U.S. Customs and Border Protection, accessed April 27, 2022, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>.

¹⁰ Maria Sacchetti and Nick Miroff, "CDC to Phase out Border Restrictions; Increase in Crossings Expected," The Washington Post (WP Company, April 4, 2022), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/04/01/cdc-phase-out-border-restrictions-increase-crossings-expected/>.

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
April 27, 2022
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Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2022. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ron Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "J".

Ron Johnson
U.S. Senator

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April 28, 2022

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
245 Murray Lane, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

I write with deep concern about the Department of Homeland Security's decision to create a new Disinformation Governance Board. I confess, I at first thought this announcement was satire. Surely no American Administration would ever use the power of Government to sit in judgment on the First Amendment speech of its own citizens. Sadly, I was mistaken. Rather than protecting our border or the American homeland, you have chosen to make policing Americans' speech your priority. This new board is almost certainly unconstitutional and should be dissolved immediately.

For well over a year, your Department has consistently treated competing policy views as disinformation to be monitored or investigated. However, political debates on issues such as immigration, pandemic lockdowns, and foreign policy clearly constitute "core political speech" protected by the First Amendment.¹ The Supreme Court has even gone so far as to say that "Under the First Amendment there is no such thing as a false idea."² The apparent broad mandate of this new government entity to "coordinate countering misinformation" in America undermines the argument that it can even exist consistent with the Constitution.³

Particularly troubling is your choice to lead the new board, Nina Jankowicz, a supposed "expert" with a long history of partisan attacks. Consider:

- In 2020, she described President Trump's use of the national guard as "a sentence I expect to hear from leaders of authoritarian countries, not the President of the United States."⁴
- In 2021, she quoted with praise an article that said "homegrown fascism predated President Donald Trump."⁵
- She has said America is systemically racist.⁶
- In response to revelations about Hunter Biden's laptop, she tweeted that "50 former natsec officials and 5 former CIA heads that believe the laptop is a Russian influence op. Trump says 'Russia, Russia, Russia.'"⁷

¹ *Meyer v. Grant*, 486 U.S. 414, 422 (1988).

² *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.*, 418 U.S. 323, 339 (1974).

³ <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/playbook/2022/04/27/fauci-pulls-out-of-whcd-is-biden-next-00028131>

⁴ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1267589264440729600>

⁵ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1321123630403694593>

⁶ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1311123042387529734>

⁷ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1319463138107031553?s=20&t=EZYZWppGDhzWKhE5ensHnQ>

Jankowicz has said the new DHS Board will “maintain the Dept’s committment [sic] to protecting free speech.”⁸ This is particularly ironic given Jankowicz’s extensive criticism of free speech and the First Amendment. Jankowicz has claimed that “the ‘free speech vs censorship’ framing is a false dichotomy.”⁹ And when Elon Musk announced his acquisition of Twitter, she said “I shudder to think about if free speech absolutists were taking over more platforms, what that would look like for the marginalized communities ... which are already shouldering ... disproportionate amounts of this abuse.”¹⁰ Jankowicz has even described opponents of social media speech codes as “first amendment zealots.”¹¹ These statements that question the value of free speech are obviously disqualifying for such a role.

While Democrats have for years controlled the public square through their Big Tech allies, Mr. Musk’s acquisition of Twitter has shown just how tenuous that control is. It can only be assumed that the sole purpose of this new Disinformation Governance Board will be to marshal the power of the federal government to censor conservative and dissenting speech. This is dangerous and un-American. The board should be immediately dissolved.

So that Congress can consider remedial legislation, please provide the following responses prior to your expected testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on May 4, 2022:

1. How will this Disinformation Board function? And who exactly will it be monitoring?
2. What analysis did DHS conduct, if any, to ensure that the Disinformation Board and its activities comport with the First Amendment?
3. Why did DHS time its announcement of this governance board directly after Mr. Musk’s acquisition of Twitter?
4. Who appointed Ms. Jankowicz to head the board as executive director? Were you aware of her history of partisan conduct prior to her appointment?
5. Has DHS conferred with any private social media company in the creation or operation of this board?

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley
United States Senator

⁸ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1519282822158110721>

⁹ <https://twitter.com/JackPosobiec/status/1519397817260904454?s=20&t=ukuMjycX1tNluHKa1DmtGw>

¹⁰ <https://www.npr.org/2022/04/16/1093212502/women-face-disproportionate-attacks-online-one-expert-shares-some-of-the-details>

¹¹ <https://twitter.com/wiczipedia/status/1192897252328714240>

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Did we get the green light?

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Subject: Re: Press Roundup for MON, 5/2

Things will move quickly so a quick morning call would be ideal. Thank you!

From: FOX, ALEXANDRA (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 10:51 PM

To: ESPINOSA, MARSHA (b)(6)

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Sorry for the delay! (b)(5)

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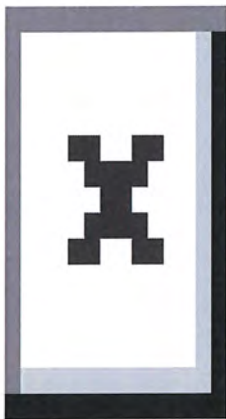
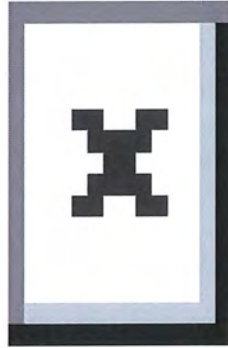
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Hi Marsha,

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Thank you!

Jen

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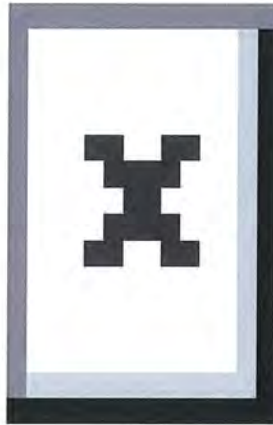
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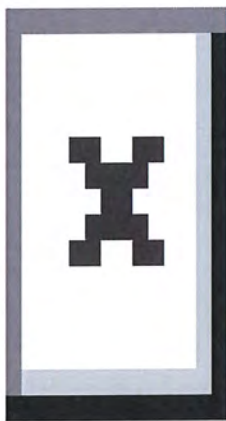
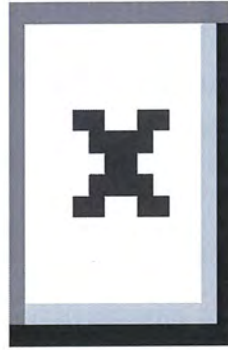
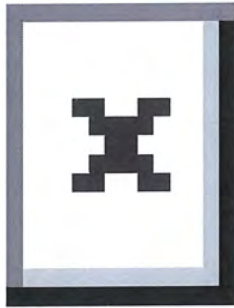
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Nina – I look forward to discussing.

I think we should aim to get whatever docs we are going to be discussing circulated tomorrow so that folks have time to digest.

Let's discuss this afternoon.

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Hi all,

With everything that happened over the last week I have revisited and revised our suggested agenda for the Board meeting. Looking forward to discussing the below with you tomorrow.

Changes to Agenda:

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I think that's everything on my mind. Thanks and looking forward to hammering out the plan!

Nina

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Subject: DGB Board Packet for Review

Dear Rob,

Great to see you at the happy hour last night!

As promised, here is the completed Board Packet for your review. Once you give the go ahead I am happy to work with Quann to get the Board meeting on the calendar for the 25th or 26th, before you depart for the Bay Area.

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Sam, Jen and I would also like to carve out some time on your calendar next week to prep for the Board meeting and update you on the irregular migration case study.

Let me know if you have any questions and hope you enjoy a lovely holiday weekend.

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Made some edits (b)(5)
(b)(5) Then we should be good to go.

Isabella Ulloa
Deputy Chief of Staff
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Sender: PECK, SARAH /O=(b)(6)
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Recipient: DASKAL, JENNIFER / (b)(6)
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Sent Date: 2022/04/28 15:27:01
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From: Sawyer, Stephanie (b)(6)
To: Swartz, Neal / (b)(6)
CC: DASKAL, JENNIFER / (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Time for a quick call tonight?
Date: 2022/04/28 18:00:08
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Got it.

From: Swartz, Neal (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:31:26 PM
To: Sawyer, Stephanie (b)(6)
Cc: DASKAL, JENNIFER (b)(6)
Subject: Fwd: Time for a quick call tonight?

Stephanie,
Please see below re discussion at 6.
I will not be able to make 6.
Thank you,
Neal

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Acting Assistant Secretary Blas Nuñez-Neto
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

For a Hearing

BEFORE

U.S. Senate
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

ON

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Priority: Normal
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Jen,
Do you have a minute? (b)(5)
I would like to discuss one point if you have a few minutes this morning.

Thank you,
Neal
Cell: (b)(6)

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+ Neal

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+Kristie

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What are we packaging up for purposes of S1's hearing tomorrow where this will likely come up?

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EXPERIENCE

WILSON CENTER

Disinformation Fellow

Washington, DC

September 2019-Present

- Testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on "[Misinformation and Conspiracy Theories Online](#)" to provide lawmakers with whole-of-society policy solutions to foreign interference and content moderation issues;
- Regularly briefed Members of Congress, USG, and Wilson Center staff, Board, and Global Advisory Council on technology regulation and Russian and domestic disinformation in order to raise awareness about the national security threat these challenges pose;
- Led and organized a 25-participant multilateral workshop for Members of Congress, foreign parliamentarians, and their staff on recognizing and responding to disinformation campaigns, building cross-border connections and policy proposals for counter-disinformation regulation;
- Published paper on comparative approaches to social media regulation in service of comprehensive democratic and human rights-based counter-disinformation policy;
- Researched and analyzed gendered and sexualized disinformation in the 2020 election campaign to understand disinformation's unique effects on women's participation in politics and public life;
- Provided expert commentary on disinformation, Ukraine, and Russia in print, on radio, and on television; served as PBS disinformation analyst during the 2020 and 2018 election periods to shape public discourse around disinformation and refocus on solutions; since 2017, published over 35 articles and op-eds; appeared on radio, television, and was quoted in news sources over 250 times.

Global Fellow & George F. Kennan Fellow

August 2017- September 2019

- Testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on "[Election Interference: Ensuring Law Enforcement Is Equipped to Target Those Seeking to Do Harm](#)" and before the House Appropriations State and Foreign Operations Committee on "[U.S. Efforts to Counter Russian Disinformation and Malign Influence](#)," leading to legislative proposals on media literacy and changes in counter-disinformation funding priorities;
- Won Pulitzer Center grant to report on Russian disinformation in the 2019 Ukrainian Election;
- Completed and sold manuscript for first book, *How to Lose the Information War*;
- Identified and analyzed trends, policies, and strategies regarding Russian disinformation for briefings to the highest levels of government.

UKRAINIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellow

Kyiv, Ukraine

September 2016-July 2017

- Served as advisor to the Spokesperson, Press Service, and Policy Office of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on strategic communications and countering disinformation;
- Prepared op-eds, statements, talking points, blogs, and briefing materials for the Spokesperson and the Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- Liaised and coordinated with foreign policy advisors across the Ukrainian government and from allied governments to formulate and implement a rebranding campaign for Ukraine;
- Researched and published a policy paper on Western support of and coordination around European anti-disinformation initiatives.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE**Government Relations and Communications Officer**

Washington, DC
November 2015-July 2016

- Coordinated a team to craft Congressional outreach and communications policy for the Institute;
- Conceptualized and carried out social media campaigns, including for launches of events and initiatives; Led an International Women's Day social media campaign (#NotTheCost) that became a trending topic on Twitter and produced a video viewed over 60,000 times on Facebook, resulting in increased awareness of online misogyny and its effect on women's democratic participation;
- Wrote and pitched opinion pieces for NDI's senior staff; Wrote and edited featured stories for NDI's printed materials, website, and social media properties.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE**Eurasia Program Officer**

Washington, DC
2013-2015

- Developed and managed over \$6 million/year in grants supporting NDI's democracy assistance to Russia and Belarus, leading a fast-paced, multi-continent team;
- Designed programs; wrote and edited periodic reports and other publicly distributed materials. Provided analysis of regional political developments to NDI executives;
- Organized public events and private meetings with high-level stakeholders in the DC policy community and abroad in order to coordinate responses to Russian "undesirable foreign organization" policy;
- Supervised project assistant; managed two field offices composed of 10-15 local and expatriate staff.

EDUCATION**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, School of Foreign Service****Master of Arts in Russian and East European Studies**

Washington, DC
May 2013

Departmental scholarship, Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) and Title VIII Award recipient.

Thesis: The Effect of the Eastern Partnership Program on Polish-Russian Bilateral Relations

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Russian, *magna cum laude***

Bryn Mawr, PA
May 2011

Thesis: The Influence of the Catholic Church on Polish Anti-Communist Movements

SELECT PUBLICATIONS*Academic and Policy Papers*

- *How to Lose the Information War: Russia, Fake News, and the Future of Conflict* (Bloomsbury, July 2020)
- "Enduring Information Vigilance: Government after COVID-19," US Army War College Quarterly *Parameters*, Vol 50, no. 3 (Autumn 2020), with Henry Collis, Deputy Director, National Security Communications, UK Prime Minister's Office and Cabinet Office Communications.
- "Avoiding the Band-Aid Effect in Institutional Responses to Disinformation and Hybrid Threats," Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund of the United States, August 2019
- "Disinformation in Terrorist Content Online," George Washington University Program on Extremism, Sept 2019.
- "The Disinformation Vaccination," *The Wilson Quarterly*, January 31, 2018
- "Freedom and Fakes: A Comparative Exploration of Countering Disinformation and Protecting Free Expression," The Wilson Center, forthcoming
- "Defining and Mitigating Gendered and Sexualized Disinformation," The Wilson Center, forthcoming

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- **The New York Times**
 - “[Republicans Spin Impeachment While Ukrainians Suffer](#),” January 30, 2020
 - “[Russian Trolls Are Only Part of the Problem](#),” January 25, 2018
 - “[The Only Way to Defend Against Russia’s Information War](#),” September 25, 2017
- **The Washington Post**
 - “[No matter who wins the election, disinformation will still poison our democracy](#),” October 28, 2020
 - “[Yes, Trump released the aid to Ukraine. But the damage was already done.](#),” November 15, 2019
 - “[Five myths about Ukraine](#),” September 26, 2019
 - “[It’s time to start regulating Facebook](#),” November 15, 2018
 - “[Why dictators love Facebook](#),” April 13, 2018
 - “[Our biggest mistake in the fight against fake news](#),” March 31, 2017
- **The Atlantic**
 - “[Trump’s Version of Poll-Watching Sounds Like Thuggery](#),” October 7, 2020
 - “[How an Anti-Shutdown Celebrity Is Made](#),” October 3, 2020
 - “[Estonia Already Lives Online—Why Can’t the United States?](#),” May 27, 2020
 - “[Ukraine’s Election is an All-Out Disinformation Battle](#),” April 17, 2019
- **WIRED**
 - “[Facebook’s Kill Switch Solves the Wrong Problem](#),” August 21, 2020
 - “[Facebook Groups are Destroying America](#),” with Cindy Otis, June 17, 2020
- **POLITICO Magazine**
 - “[How an Anti-Trump Flash Mob Found Itself in the Middle of Russian Meddling](#),” July 5, 2020
 - “[The Ukrainian President Isn’t Trump’s Stoooge](#),” September 26, 2019
- **The New Republic**
 - “[Available in Helsinki: the Fate of Eastern Europe](#),” July 13, 2018
 - “[At What Point Can We Say Trump Is Sabotaging Russia Policy?](#),” March 28, 2018

SELECT PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, MISSIONS, AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Member, Zinc Network, Open Information Partnership (London, UK, January 2020-Present)
- Advisory Board Member, CSIS Project on Foreign Disinformation (Washington, DC, 2019-2020)
- Keynote Speaker, Public Relations Society of America, October 2020
- Keynote Speaker, Yale University Human Rights Workshop, February 2020
- Speaker, Government of Canada, Adversarial Intent Symposium, November 2019
- Keynote Speaker, America House Vienna/US Embassy Vienna, October 2019
- Speaker, Canadian Department of National Defense Guest Speaker Program, June 2019
- Panelist, “National Security Counter-Disinformation Conference,” UK Cabinet Office, Oct 2018
- Panelist, Social Science Research Council/Stanford University Workshop, April 2018
- Panelist, Wilton Park/UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Conference on Computational Propaganda, March 2018
- Short-term Election Observer, OSCE/ODIHR Mission to Russian Presidential Elections, March 2018

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Washington, DC 20528



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January 31, 2022

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Robert Silvers
Under Secretary
Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans

Jennifer Daskal
Acting Principal Deputy General Counsel

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SUBJECT: Disinformation Governance Board Charter

Purpose: To obtain your approval of the charter for the Disinformation Governance Board.

Background: On September 29, 2021, you directed headquarters and Component leadership to pursue a governance board model to coordinate efforts to counter mis-, dis-, and mal-information (MDM) across the Department.¹ You emphasized the need for clarity as to the Department's policies, standards, and best practices related to MDM work. You also concluded that operational efforts to counter MDM should largely be carried out by Components, which would be responsible for their respective mission areas subject to the oversight of the governance board.

Based on that guidance, we developed the attached charter for a DHS Disinformation Governance Board ("the Board") to execute this critical work. The Board will ensure Departmental efforts to counter MDM are coordinated, deconflicted, and harmonized. The Board's primary roles are to develop and support the implementation of best practices, policies, and protocols that support the identification, assessment, response, and resilience to MDM threats, and that do so in a way that ensures respect for privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. The Board will also support and coordinate, in conjunction with the relevant Components, MDM work with other departments and agencies, the private sector, and non-governmental actors. In addition, the Board will support research and development efforts to understand the MDM threat to homeland security.

The Board will be co-chaired by representatives of the Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY) and the Office of the General Counsel. Members will include components engaged in

¹ This model is presented as Option 2 in the September 13, 2021 memorandum 'Organizing DHS Efforts to Counter Disinformation.'

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counter-MDM activities or that provide oversight and support for such activities. Members will be represented by the principal or deputy for their respective Component/Offices.

The Board will meet no less than once per quarter for the first two years of its existence. It will be supported by a Steering Group, consisting of representatives designated by each Member. A senior official from within PLCY will serve as Executive Director for the Board and Chair of the Steering Group, to be supported by an Executive Secretariat comprised of staff detailed or assigned to PLCY. As we build, we may enlist your office's support in obtaining detailees or other staffing.

The Charter has been coordinated with all DHS components that will be Members of the Board.

For your awareness, we attach a copy of the MDM Playbook that PLCY, together with components, developed for countering MDM in a unified way across the Department in the context of the current situation in Ukraine. We are enthusiastic about the further work that the Disinformation Governance Board can accomplish.

Timeliness: We request your signature of the charter as soon as practicable.

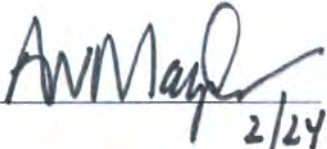
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Recommendation: Approve the charter for the Disinformation Governance Board.

Approve/date  2/24/22 Disapprove/date _____

Modify/date _____ Needs discussion/date _____

Attachments:

- A. Disinformation Governance Board Charter
- B. Ukraine MDM Playbook
- C. 'Organizing DHS Efforts to Counter Disinformation' (September 13, 2021)

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DHS Disinformation Governance Board
Charter

Section 1. Purpose

The DHS Disinformation Governance Board (“Board”) will guide and support the Department’s efforts to address mis-, dis-, and mal-information that threatens homeland security (“MDM”). Whereas Department Components will lead on operational responses to MDM in their relevant mission spaces, the Board will ensure DHS efforts are coordinated, deconflicted, and harmonized, both within DHS and across the interagency, to ensure efficiency, unity of effort, and promotion of applicable compliance and best practices.

The Board will focus on the following four cross-functional lines of effort to counter MDM, many of which are already underway (“lines of effort”): (1) identifying MDM (“Identification”); (2) assessing and analyzing the risk that such MDM poses to homeland security (“Risk Assessment”); (3) responding to these MDM threats (“Response”); and (4) building resilience to MDM (“Building Resilience”).

With respect to each of these lines of effort, the Board will develop and support the implementation of governance policies and protocols that, among other issues, protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties; harmonize and support coordination with other departments and agencies, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations; and support research and development efforts to assess and combat MDM.

Section 2. Members

The Board will be co-chaired by representatives of the Office for Strategy, Policy, and Plans (PLCY) and the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). Standing Board members will be representatives of the following DHS Components: the Management Directorate (MGMT); Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A); Science and Technology Directorate (S&T); Privacy Office (PRIV); Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL); Office of Public Affairs (OPA); Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Representatives shall be the Principal or Deputy for their respective Component. Other Components may be invited to either join the Board or participate on an ad hoc basis, as appropriate and needed.

Section 3. Structure

The Board will be supported by a Steering Group, which will consist of a representative from each Component participating in the Board. Each representative will be selected by their respective Board member.

The Board co-chairs will designate a DHS senior official to serve as the Executive Director for the Board and Chair of the Steering Group. The Executive Director will be detailed or assigned to PLCY, where they will be supported by an Executive Secretariat for the Board comprising staff detailed or assigned to PLCY. The Executive Director will attend and may participate in all Board meetings.

Section 4. Board Responsibilities

Components will lead on MDM-related operational responses and other efforts to counter MDM in their relevant mission spaces. The Board will serve as the central forum in the Department to ensure consistent governance and coordination of such efforts, and adherence to applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory authorities and obligations.

The Board's initial responsibilities will include a review of existing MDM governance policies and practices across the Department, including:

- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards to ensure compliance with applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory obligations;
- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards to ensure appropriate privacy and civil rights and civil liberties protections;
- policies, procedures, practices, plans, and standards for interactions with the private, non-profit, and academic sectors; and,
- relevant procurement policies and practices.

Based, in part, on the findings from its initial review, the Board will be responsible for developing MDM-related guidance, best practices, and recommendations regarding:

- compliance with applicable constitutional, statutory, and regulatory obligations;
- standards for and implementation of appropriate privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections;
- procurement guidelines for contracting or funding third parties to support the Department's MDM efforts;
- grant funding and cooperative agreements;
- development and implementation of new technological and data management tools; and,
- any other applicable guidance, best practices, and recommendations to guide the aforementioned four lines of effort.

The Board also will coordinate, deconflict, and harmonize departmental efforts to address MDM, including by:

- receiving regular and routine updates from DHS Components, the Intelligence Community, and other interagency partners on MDM;
- harmonizing and deconflicting activities by DHS Components regarding the lines of effort;
- harmonizing, deconflicting, and coordinating, in conjunction with relevant Components, the Department's external engagement regarding MDM;

- serving as the Department's internal and external point of contact for coordination with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, the private sector, and non-governmental actors regarding MDM; and,
- serving as the Department's internal and external point of contact for receiving, coordinating, responding to, and interacting with interagency partners, including the Executive Office of the President, for policy matters generally related to mis-, dis-, and mal-information, but not related to the performance of intelligence activities.

Section 5. Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

The co-chairs of the Board will:

- convene the Board as needed;
- approve the agenda for Board meetings;
- preside over Board meetings;
- approve summaries of conclusions reached during the Board meetings;
- communicate Board decisions and activities to the Secretary and other DHS leadership, as appropriate;
- represent the Board to external audiences; and,
- take all other actions necessary and proper for the execution of the Board's responsibilities.
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The Board Members will:

- represent the perspectives of their respective Components at Board meetings;
- review any proposals submitted to the Board; and,
- ensure that their respective Components implement, execute, and follow Board decisions.

The Executive Director will:

- propose agenda items and discussion topics for the Board following Steering Group review;
- communicate the positions taken at the Steering Group concerning proposals before the Board;
- propose summaries of conclusion for each Board and Steering Group meeting;
- implement and execute Board decisions through the Steering Group;
- supervise the activities of the Executive Secretariat; and,
- represent the Steering Group and, where appropriate and in coordination with the co-chairs, the Department to external audiences on MDM-related matters.

The Steering Group Members will:

- represent the perspectives of their respective Components at Steering Group meetings;
- review and discuss any proposals to be submitted to the Board;
- communicate their considerations of Board proposals to their respective Board Members, the Executive Director, and other members of the Steering Group;

- review and approve summaries of conclusions of Steering Group meetings; and,
- subject to the direction and guidance of their respective Board Members, help ensure that their respective Components implement, execute, and follow Board decisions.

Section 6. Processes & Procedures

The Board will meet regularly at the discretion of the co-chairs and no less than once per quarter for the first two years of the Board's existence. The Steering Group will meet at the discretion of the Board or Executive Director. Issues raised and proposals submitted to the Board will be resolved by consensus to the greatest extent possible. Where there is a disagreement amongst the Board members, the Board will resolve the matter before it by majority vote. In the absence of consensus, any Board member may elevate, in the form of a written memorandum, an issue to the Secretary or Deputy Secretary where they believe that a decision made by the Board implicates their statutory or other assigned authorities.

The Steering Group is not a voting body. Instead, its members will discuss all issues brought before it and make their recommendations to the Board. Steering Group members will support the development of consensus recommendations to the Board to the greatest extent possible.


Section 7. Relationship to Other Departmental Governance Bodies

The Board will serve as the departmental forum for governance of DHS policies, plans, procedures, standards, and activities pertaining to MDM that threatens homeland security. As such, all DHS-wide or Component-specific proposals for funding related to efforts to counter MDM should be appropriately coordinated with the Board, including in advance of submitting any final funding proposals. Matters raised before the Board may implicate other departmental governance fora already in existence. Where that occurs, the Board will coordinate its activities with those respective fora through the Executive Director.

Section 8. Effective Date

This charter will go into effect when signed by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Section 9. Signature


Alejandro N. Mayorkas

Secretary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Feb. 24, 2022
Date