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The Honorable Pete Hegseth
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Dear Secretary Hegseth:

We write today to request the immediate production of the unredacted August 9, 2024, U.S. Army memo titled, "ADS-B Out Off Operations in the National Airspace." It is our understanding the memo outlines policies and procedures for the Army's use of Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) in the National Capital Region.

At today's Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation's Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation hearing, Brigadier General Matthew Braman refused to commit to providing the U.S. Army's August 9, 2024 ADS-B memo to the Committee, citing an ongoing investigation. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy clarified during the same hearing that the NTSB investigation does not preclude the Department of Defense from sharing this document because it pre-dates the NTSB's investigation and would not interfere with its ongoing work. Any internal investigation should not preclude its production either.

Pursuant to this Committee's own investigatory review of the tragic crash at National Airport, this memo is needed to evaluate potential legislation related to air traffic control and safe airspace operations in the National Capital Region. We request that you order the production of this memo without redactions to our Committee no later than 24 hours after receipt of this letter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Miller on Chairman Cruz's Committee staff at Andrew_Miller@commerce.senate.gov and Ranking Member Cantwell's Committee staff at Alex_Simpson@commerce.senate.gov.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ted Cruz
Chairman



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