



441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

November 16, 2022

Congressional Requesters:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's activities, policies, and procedures regarding the handling of personal property belonging to individuals in its custody.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in January 2023. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Charles Michael Johnson, Jr., Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Johnson or a member of his team will contact the staff points of contact to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson at 202-512-7331 or johnsoncm@gao.gov, or Ms. Kisha H. Clark, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations on my staff at 202-512-3208 or Clarkk@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Clowers", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

A. Nicole Clowers
Managing Director
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Attachment

Ref: CCAR 23-0082

Attachment: List of Requesters

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
House of Representatives
(POC: Alison Northrop)

The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragán
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Border Security,
Facilitations, and Operations
Committee on Homeland Security
House of Representatives
(POC: Briana Marticorena)

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
House of Representatives
(POC: Norma Salazar)

The Honorable Joaquin Castro
House of Representatives
(POC: Kaitlyn Montan)