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Senator John Thune
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Dear Senator Thune,

On behalf of our nonpartisan organization we wish to express strong support for the Senate investigation into the disturbing incident involving Senator Alex Padilla at Secretary Kristi Noem's June 12 press conference in Los Angeles.

The video evidence and eyewitness accounts are both clear: Senator Padilla identified himself and was engaged in legitimate oversight when he was forcibly removed by security personnel. We have serious concerns about the treatment of elected officials performing their constitutional duties as well as about federal security protocols.

Every member of both houses must be supported in fulfilling their oversight responsibilities without intimidation or physical restraint. The public deserves transparency and accountability regarding what occurred, who gave the orders, and whether proper procedures were followed.

We appreciate your leadership in calling for a bipartisan investigation and urge you and your colleagues to pursue it vigorously, to report findings to the public, and to take appropriate measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

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