

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
300 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Secretary Noem:

I write to urge the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to move expeditiously to unfreeze the disbursement of grant funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for public safety needs in Georgia.

In Georgia, UASI funding provides critical investments in public safety so Georgians and visitors from around the world can safely attend and enjoy major events in Atlanta like the Super Bowl, College Football Playoff, and concerts throughout the year. Funding is also used to prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

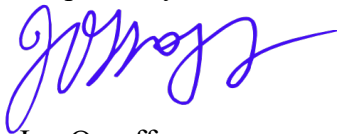
UASI funding is also important to ensuring Atlanta can safely host the World Cup semifinal in 2026, an event which promises to attract millions of visitors from around the world to Atlanta.

Atlanta is imminently familiar with security threats at major sporting events; at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, a bomb tragically took the life of a mother from Albany, Georgia, and injured over 100 others.

DHS's move to freeze funding from such a critical public safety program is stunning and inexplicable. DHS must immediately resume UASI reimbursements to ensure the safety of Georgians and visitors from around the world.

I request a written response within one week with an update on the status of the UASI grant freeze and detailed reasoning for the DHS's dangerous delay of critical public safety funding.

Respectfully,



Jon Ossoff
U.S. Senator