



One Hundred Fifteenth Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20515

July 16, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Nielsen:

The Department of Homeland Security (Department) is responsible for submitting to Congress its comprehensive examination of the homeland security strategy of the United States—referred to as the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR)—every four years. As statutorily required, the Department was responsible for releasing its third QHSR no later than December 31, 2017.

In March 2018, the Department's Office of Strategy, Plans, Analysis, and Risk (SPAR) informed the Committee on Homeland Security that delivery of the QHSR would be delayed to include your priorities for the Department after your December 2017 confirmation. On April 26, 2018, when questioned about the delay during the Committee's hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, you advised Members that you would get back to us in writing regarding the timing for its delivery.<sup>1</sup> However, we have yet to receive a letter explaining the continued delay.

While I understand that your confirmation as Secretary contributed to the delay, the QHSR is now seven months overdue. Since the QHSR is intended to inform our long-term homeland security strategy and priorities, the delay undermines the important work of the Department. I urge you to deliver the document without further delay.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Alison Northrop, Chief Director for Oversight, at 202-226-2616.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson".

BENNIE G. THOMPSON  
Ranking Member

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<sup>1</sup> *The President's FY2019 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security, Hearing Before the House Committee on Homeland Security, 115<sup>th</sup> Cong. (April 26, 2018) (testimony of Sec. Kirstjen M. Nielsen).*