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I am requesting electronic copies of the following records — as per the Freedom of Information Act:

**1 - Any and all records related to the estimate from DHS that there were more than 675,000 deportations in 2025, as stated by DHS officials in [a Jan. 20, 2026 press release](#).**

Records should show any discussion of methodology which was used to arrive at that 675,000 figure.

**2 - Any and all records related to the estimate from DHS that the current cost of a single enforced deportation is \$18,245, as stated by DHS officials in [a Jan. 21, 2026 press release](#).**

Records should show any discussion of methodology which was used to arrive at that \$18,245 figure.

If any portion of this request should be denied, I request that the remainder be fulfilled.

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Sincerely,

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