

CONGRESSMAN

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Immigration & Civil Liberties

Goldman, Wyden, Velázquez Demand Answers on ICE Use of Palantir-developed Technologies to Fuel Mass Surveillance

Dan, Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez, and Senator Ron Wyden led 30 lawmakers to demand transparency from DHS and ICE regarding their use of Palantir-developed technologies and other private surveillance tools. The lawmakers raised alarms over a vast data-mining network that aggregates personal information—including facial recognition, social media monitoring, and cellphone tracking—to fuel the administration's mass deportation campaign and collect Americans' personal data.

Dan slammed the administration's weaponization of technology against journalists and law-abiding citizens, demanding a full accounting of all private surveillance contracts and the safeguards in place to limit the retention of data and to address data privacy concerns of the American people.

Goldman Demands Answers After Trump Administration Admits Improper Use of ICE Memo to Justify Immigration Court Arrests

Dan is demanding answers and accountability from the Trump Administration after it admitted in federal court filings that it improperly used an ICE memo to justify immigration courthouse arrests. The Department of Justice acknowledged in those filings that a 2025 ICE memorandum never applied to civil immigration enforcement actions at or near immigration court facilities, including 26 Federal Plaza in Lower Manhattan.

Dan called the admission far more than a clerical error, stating it represents a total breakdown of legal integrity that resulted in tens of thousands of arrests the administration itself agrees should never have taken place. For nearly a year, immigrants attending their required court appearances in good faith were targeted, detained, and in many cases wrongfully deported.

Dan is demanding that DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin and ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons provide a full accounting of all arrests, detentions, and deportations conducted at or near immigration court facilities since May 2025, along with the current status of each individual. He is also calling for immediate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, against any DHS employees who knowingly concealed the court exemption or permitted the DOJ to misrepresent agency policy to a federal court. Dan leads the Immigration Court Due Process Protection Act, legislation that would prohibit ICE from arresting individuals physically present at immigration court facilities for the purpose of attending a hearing.

District Projects & Funding

Goldman Delivers \$250,000 Federal Grant to Grand Street Settlement for Youth Mentorship

Dan visited the Lower East Side to present a \$250,000 federal grant to Grand Street Settlement to launch their new Justice Mentoring Initiative. The funding, which Dan secured as part of the FY 2026 appropriations process, will support a pilot program for high school-aged youth at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center. The initiative combines one-on-one mentorship with hands-on training in coding, music production, and digital design to provide a constructive path for local teens.

Dan emphasized that programs like these are a direct investment in community safety and the future of New York's youth. By equipping young people with social-emotional support and high-tech career skills, the Justice Mentoring Initiative works to deter crime and break the cycle of violence. This grant is part of over \$13.7 million in community project funding that Dan successfully secured for NY-10 this year.

Goldman Calls for \$15 Million for Museum and Education Center Expansion at African Burial Ground National Monument

Dan is calling for \$15 million in federal funding in the FY2027 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill to support the planning, design, and construction of the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center, as an expansion of the existing national monument in Lower Manhattan.

The African Burial Ground National Monument is the earliest and largest known African burial ground in the United States, housing 15,000 intact skeletal remains of enslaved and free Africans who lived and worked in colonial New York, as well as nearly 8,000 personal handwritten messages buried with the remains. Despite the site's profound archaeological and historical significance, it currently lacks a museum and educational center capable of fully presenting its findings to the public.

Dan has championed this project for years, leading both the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center Feasibility Study Act and the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center Act. He noted that the site serves as a permanent tribute to the men and women who built the foundations of New York, and that establishing a permanent museum would ensure that their contributions are never forgotten. The appropriations request was co-signed by Representatives Jamie Raskin, William Keating, Tim Kennedy, and Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Goldman Calls for Modifications to Newly Installed Battery Park Fence

Dan held a press conference calling for modifications to a newly installed fence at Battery Park that blocks views of New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty and limits pedestrian access to the waterfront. U.S. Park Police installed the fence to conduct security screening before passengers board vessels to the Statue of Liberty, however federal agencies did not seek input from the local community or the City of New York prior to installation.

Dan is calling on the Park Police and the National Park Service to consider an alternative solution that maintains clear views of the harbor and opens pedestrian walkways while ensuring visitor security. He has been in communication with both agencies and urged them to implement an alternative arrangement proposed by the NYC Department of Parks.

Dan was joined at the press conference by Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Council Member Chris Marte, Assembly Member Charles Fall, Assembly Member Grace Lee, Manhattan Community Board One Chair Tammy Meltzer, and the Battery Conservancy President Paula Recart. "The Statue of Liberty has welcomed the world to our shores for generations, and the view of Lady Liberty from Battery Park is one of the most iconic in the country," said Rep. Goldman. "While ensuring that all visitors are safe and secure, they deserve to enjoy that view as much as possible."

WTC & Health

Goldman, Nadler Slam Trump Administration for Failing to Fully Staff WTC Health Program

Dan and Congressman Jerrold Nadler (NY-12) led members of the New York delegation in a scathing letter to HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., slamming the administration's decision to reassign World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) personnel to the Department of Homeland Security. The WTCHP is already facing severe staffing shortages; despite having the funding for 120 employees, it is currently operating with only 84. These shortages undermine the Program's ability to provide timely services and care to beneficiaries and future enrollees; additional reassignments away from the Program will worsen these issues.

Dan emphasized that these reassignments are "completely unreasonable" and have led to inexcusable delays, with some survivors waiting over a year for enrollment appeals. He is demanding a briefing from the administration on current operational status of the Program and the extent of the reassignments and the impact they will have on the WTCHP. As the 25th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, Dan reaffirmed the shared responsibility of both Congress and your agency to ensure that the brave survivors and responders receive the quality healthcare and support that they were promised and deserve.

Environmental Security

Goldman Statement on Climate Change Superfund Act Preemption

Dan issued the following statement on the Trump Administration's attempt to preempt New York's Climate Change Superfund Act:

"Climate change is an existential and urgent threat to the future of our planet. But instead of acknowledging this reality, Republicans in Congress are attempting to pass legislation to block New York's Climate Change Superfund Act, state legislation that holds the oil and gas industry accountable for the pollution they caused. In New York, this would let big oil off the hook, instead passing the \$3 billion cleanup price tag onto taxpayers. Republicans won't spend a dollar to make life more affordable but always bend over backwards to help Big Oil.

I will forcefully oppose any attempts to preempt the Climate Change Superfund Act, because New Yorkers will not foot the bill for the environmental harm caused by the oil and gas industry. My message is simple: clean up your own damn mess.”

Democracy & Voting Rights

Goldman Leads 47 Democrats to Safeguard Election Integrity and Ban Use of DHS Funding to Seize Election Infrastructure

Dan is leading 47 Democrats in calling on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security to include language in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that explicitly prohibits the use of federal funds for the seizure, collection, retention, or analysis of voting machines, election equipment, and voter records.

The effort follows a series of alarming actions and statements from the Trump Administration regarding federal control over elections. In early January 2026, President Trump expressed regret over not directing DHS and the Department of Defense to seize voting machines after the 2020 election. Days later, the FBI raided a Fulton County, Georgia election center based on widely debunked claims. Reports have since emerged of a 17-page draft executive order circulating among Trump allies that would declare a national emergency and direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to seize election systems and materials.

The lawmakers are urging the committee to explicitly bar DHS, ICE, and CBP funding from being used to interfere with election infrastructure, and to require a full congressional report on the FBI's Fulton County investigation. Dan emphasized that protecting the integrity of election systems from federal seizure is a constitutional obligation Congress must fulfill without delay.