

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-3222

November 2, 2023

Officer Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia  
Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Mail Stop 0525  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Officer Wadhia,

We write to you to express our earnest concern with the conduct of Nejwa Ali, an asylum officer at the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) US Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). On October 7th, Hamas terrorists launched a brutal and merciless campaign against the state of Israel, killing over 1,200 innocent Israelis and abducting hundreds more. Tragically, 30 Americans were murdered in this Hamas-led barbaric assault.

It is the responsibility of the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to "Communicate with individuals and communities whose civil rights and civil liberties may be affected by Department activities, informing them about policies and avenues of remedy, and promoting appropriate attention within the Department to their experiences and concerns." In addition, the Office is responsible for "Investigating civil rights and civil liberties complaints filed by the public regarding Department policies or activities, or actions taken by Department personnel." We believe that your Office must take action when officials within your Department violate the mission of your Office.

Ms. Ali has been found guilty of brazenly supporting Hamas atrocities. While Hamas was rampaging across Southwest Israel, she wrote, "Palestinians have been suffering under Israel's brutal, illegal, military, APARTHEID occupation for more than 75 years." The unconscionable activities do not stop there. Using her platform on Instagram, she wrote, "F-ck Israel, the government, and its military @stateofisrael @timesofisrael are you ready for your downfall...because we are ready for our freedom."<sup>1</sup> Support of terrorism in any form is unthinkable, and it is unfortunate to discover that this individual is still employed by the Department of Homeland Security.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nypost.com/2023/10/19/homeland-security-staffer-used-to-rep-plo-posted-fk-israel/>

According to the Daily Mail, it was revealed that Ms. Ali previously served as a spokesperson for the Palestinian Liberation Organization delegation to the US, which has previously been designated as a terrorist organization by US officials. In a recent post, Ali shared depictions of paragliders armed with AK-47s, glorifying the horrific acts that were committed on October 7th that led to the deaths of over a thousand Israeli citizens.<sup>2</sup>

In condemning these atrocities, it is essential that the U.S. federal government acts with moral clarity. Not only should the Hamas terrorists be condemned, but their supporters in the U.S. should be as well.

We demand an investigation into the Nejwa Ali activity at USCIS. This investigation must include the following information:

- A review of all asylum applications handled by Ms. Ali.
  - This review must include:
    - The total number of applicants handled by Ms. Ali
    - The countries of origin of the applicants
    - Approval and denial rates of applicants
    - Reasoning for denial of applicants (i.e. national security, terrorism, etc.)
- A report on the potential impact on the civil rights or civil liberties of applicants.
- The extent to which Ms. Ali's work impacted the civil rights and civil liberties of U.S. citizens.

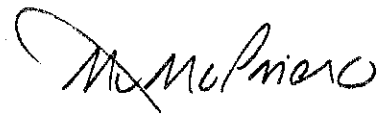
We respectfully request that in your response you outline the steps you intend to take to complete an investigation that provides this information to the general public and to Congress. We also respectfully request a response within 30 days.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this pressing matter.

Sincerely,



Brandon Williams  
Member of Congress



Marcus J. Molinaro  
Member of Congress

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12647395/DHS-Nejwa-Ali-citizenship-leave-praising-hamas-israel-war.html>

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph Norman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Ralph Norman  
Member of Congress