



June 25, 2026

Ms. Leah B. Foley  
United States Attorney  
District of Massachusetts  
United States Federal Courthouse  
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 9200  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

**Re: Request for Investigation—United States Representative Seth Moulton (D-MA-06)**

Dear U.S. Attorney Foley:

We write to respectfully request that the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Massachusetts initiate an investigation into potential violations of federal and/or state criminal laws by Seth Moulton, a member of the United States House of Representatives, for his recent physical attack on a political reporter with an opposing viewpoint while entering his campaign office.

## **I. Who We Are**

The Center to Advance Security in America (CASA) is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving the safety and security of the American people. CASA educates and informs the American people about the actions of their government and its officials that impact their safety; peace and security; democracy, civil rights, and civil liberties; and privacy.

## **II. Background**

On June 24, 2026, Moulton was asked, as he passed by a political reporter commonly referred to as a “tracker”, whether he endorsed Graham Platner in Maine.<sup>1</sup> Moulton responded, “Who are you to be asking this question, can you answer that?”<sup>2</sup> Moulton, scowling in anger, then seemingly physically attacked the reporter, causing the reporter’s phone to shake wildly.<sup>3</sup> Abrasive impacts against the phone could be heard, and Moulton taunted that “you gotta do a better job at hanging onto your phone.”<sup>4</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> Chuck Ross (@ChuckRossDC), “He goes full aggro after being asked if he supports the aggro candidate in Maine,” X, June 24, 2026, 12:45 PM, <https://x.com/ChuckRossDC/status/2069824292305453167?s=20>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.



reporter’s phone flew to the ground, and upon regaining stability, Moulton was recorded smiling and looking down at the phone.<sup>5</sup>

*Less than thirty minutes* after the altercation, Moulton commented on X about the political reporter’s posting of Moulton’s aggression and took the additional step of admitting that he in fact knew the organization that the political reporter worked for and knew that it was one that politically opposed his candidacy. He also wrote that the reporter’s question “pisses [him] off.”<sup>6</sup> Moulton then promised to “take [MAGA] on” by giving them “reality check[s],” seemingly in the form of physical violence.<sup>7</sup>

### III. Legal Authorities

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(B) makes it a crime for one to use force or the threat of force to interfere with one’s exercise of a federally protected activity—including benefits of free speech and debate as protected by the United States.

Massachusetts law makes it a crime to commit a harmful or unwanted touching with the intent of causing such harm or unwanted touching or the intent for the victim to apprehend that such harm or unwanted touching would occur.<sup>8</sup>

Massachusetts law also makes it a crime for one to willfully and maliciously destroy or injure the property of another.<sup>9</sup>

### IV. Analysis

Here, a full investigation into Representative Moulton’s intention, motivation, and desired outcome of his conduct against this political reporter is warranted. Moulton’s aggression should be called out for what it is—political violence. Based solely on a routine question regarding candidate endorsement, and with the political reporter not moving toward Moulton but instead *Moulton* moving toward the reporter, Moulton became “pisse[d]” and struck at least the reporter’s phone.

Moulton’s near-immediate comments on X evince all the intent needed to warrant investigation. Moulton feels rage at those with opposing political ideas, believes it is *his* place to give them “a reality checks,” and righteously administers those “check[s]” via

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<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Seth Moulton (@sethmoulton), “Typical MAGA to classify an @AmericaRising tracker as a ‘reporter.’ I’m not going to apologize for how much MAGA pisses me off. I’ll take them on anywhere, anytime, and I won’t back down. If this tracker can’t handle a reality check or hold onto his own equipment, that’s on him. Sorry not sorry. And if @FoxNews wants me back on their airwaves so badly, they should stop ghosting my team,” X, June 24, 2026, 1:10 PM, <https://x.com/sethmoulton/status/2069862467975463055>.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 265, § 13A (2024).

<sup>9</sup> Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 266, § 127 (2024).



self-professed and self-admitted physical political violence. Not only do Moulton’s actions potentially violate Massachusetts assault and battery laws, but federal law may also be implicated because the ability for a journalist to inquire about the endorsements of a candidate is protected activity by the United States, which Moulton infringed by striking at least the reporter’s phone.

Further, President Trump has instructed his administration to investigate and, if appropriate, prosecute political violence.<sup>10</sup> U.S. Attorneys across the country have answered the President’s call by issuing indictments for conduct analogous to Moulton’s.<sup>11</sup> Rogue Members of Congress are not above the law—especially not for acts as egregiously dangerous to the rule of law as violence against a political reporter.

The facts outlined above appear sufficient to justify an investigation to determine whether any violations of law occurred. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your public service to our nation.

Respectfully,

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<sup>10</sup> Donald J. Trump, “Countering Domestic Terrorism and Organized Political Violence,” Presidential Memorandum, September 25, 2025, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/09/countering-domestic-terrorism-and-organized-political-violence/>.

<sup>11</sup> *United States of America v. Ostroushko, et al.*, Case No. 0:26-cr-00086-NEB-JFD, Indictment (D. Minn. Apr. 28, 2026), <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/media/1438781/dl?inline>.