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Secretary Markwayne Mullin  
Department of Homeland Security  
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Acting Director David Venturella  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Acting Director Venturella,

We write with profound outrage and concern regarding the health, safety, and treatment of two New Jersey residents, Edwin Jovanny Lopez Cornejo and Amro Seham, while in ICE custody at Delaney Hall Detention Center. Mr. Seham is a cancer patient whose treatment has been withheld by Delaney Hall staff, and whose health is rapidly declining. Mr. Lopez Cornejo passed away on August 1<sup>st</sup> after raising concerns about his health for several days. The severe mistreatment of these individuals at Delaney Hall must be addressed; we ask for an immediate investigation into Mr. Lopez Cornejo's death, and for Mr. Seham to be released from ICE custody and receive an independent medical assessment to establish an appropriate treatment plan.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Lopez Cornejo collapsed while attempting to seek medical treatment. The facility called emergency services, which transported him to University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead after arrival. According to reports from his family, Mr. Lopez Cornejo complained the day prior to his collapse of feeling unwell. He was not treated at that point. While ICE has claimed they notified his family, Mr. Lopez Cornejo's family said they were notified of his death by the hospital and have yet to be contacted by ICE. Mr. Lopez Cornejo was 39 years old and leaves behind a young daughter.

His is not the first death at Delaney Hall, nor is it the first time that ICE has released a sick individual from custody only for them to pass away while seeking medical treatment. ICE's actions and inactions present glaring questions about evading accountability and circumventing reporting requirements – it is unacceptable and cannot continue. We demand answers to the following:

1. Provide the timeline of events leading to the medical emergency and share his cause of death.
2. When did Mr. Lopez Cornejo first become ill and when did he seek medical assistance?
3. When was he transported to University Hospital?

4. Mr. Lopez Cornejo complained of feeling unwell the day prior to his collapse. Why did he not receive medical care at that time?
5. Please provide records related to his medical care while at Delaney Hall, including access to prescribed medications and treatment for known medical conditions.
6. Has ICE notified his next of kin? If so, when were they notified?
7. Will DHS conduct an immediate and thorough review of detainee safety and medical care procedures at Delaney Hall?

Mr. Amro Sehaim has been held at Delaney Hall since December 2025. Before he was taken, he sought confirmatory diagnosis of, and treatment for, cancer. ICE is aware of this yet has not allowed Mr. Sehaim medication or consistent adequate medical care. He has been denied access to medical appointments, and has been coerced by staff into signing documents stating his refusal to seek treatment. He has pre-existing conditions which require separate care; as his condition worsens during his detainment, Delaney Hall staff deny the necessary procedures to improve his health. His medical records are included as a supplement to this letter. We are demanding his immediate release and an independent medical evaluation of Mr. Sehaim at University Hospital or an equivalent medical facility without ties to Delaney Hall's facilities.

The obvious medical neglect demonstrated by Delaney Hall staff is intolerable and an indictment on a federal government that allows such behaviors to continue without consequence. We must have accountability for the abuses suffered at Delaney Hall. Its history of incompetency, exploitation, and cruelty toward detainees necessitates its immediate closure. We expect a detailed response no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,



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Bonnie Watson Coleman  
Member of Congress



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Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Member of Congress



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Robert J. Menendez  
Member of Congress



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LaMonica McIver  
Member of Congress

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Analilia Mejia  
Member of Congress