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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Department of Homeland Security
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Mr. David J. Venturella
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Mr. Venturella:

I write with disappointment and frustration regarding my previous letter about the well-being of two New Jersey residents in your custody – Edwin Jovanny Lopez Cornejo and Amro Sehaim.

On August 7th, 2026, several of my colleagues and I sent you a letter regarding the status of two of my constituents, Mr. Edwin Jovanny Lopez Cornejo and Mr. Amro Sehaim. This letter has gone unanswered. As you recall, Mr. Lopez Cornejo collapsed at Delaney Hall while attempting to seek medical treatment. The facility called emergency services, which transported him to University Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. According to reports from his family, the day before his collapse, Mr. Lopez Cornejo complained of feeling unwell. Mr. Sehaim is a cancer patient whose treatment has been withheld by Delaney Hall staff, and whose health is rapidly declining.

Mr. Sehaim's condition has worsened, and he has yet to be evaluated by an independent physician unaffiliated with GEO Group or Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Mr. Sehaim has reported sustained episodes of extreme pain due to inadequate food and unacceptable conditions inside the facility and expressed difficulty breathing on his left side. He has not been given a colonoscopy procedure he desperately needs; it is clear he is not being given appropriate medical treatment.

Before detention, Mr. Sehaim and his physician had developed a health plan. It is clear that neither ICE nor GEO Group followed this plan during Mr. Sehaim's detention. Mr. Sehaim told our staff that the medical unit at Delaney Hall has only one doctor and nurses who lack the necessary experience to treat patients. He reported that one nurse lacked basic expertise while attempting to place an IV in his arm. This is unacceptable. He has been denied humanitarian parole and habeas corpus requests, even as his health condition declines. Mr. Sehaim has been detained for 11 months and has no scheduled court date.

Individuals in your custody are your responsibility. The shocking number of deaths within ICE custody, including Mr. Lopez Cornejo's, is appalling and unforgivable. The conditions in ICE

detention facilities across the country are atrocious and bring shame to your Department, this Administration, and our nation.

I again demand a thorough response by Friday October 16, 2026, providing a detailed explanation of the conditions leading to the death of Mr. Lopez Cornejo, and a response to what actions ICE and GEO Group are taking to provide Mr. Sehaim with independent medical care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bonnie Watson Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" being the most prominent.

BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
Member of Congress