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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
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Secretary Mullin and Acting Director Venturella,

We write to unequivocally condemn the conditions we observed while conducting oversight at Campbell County Detention Center on July 27, 2026. It is clear that our constituents are facing inhumane conditions, a lack of proper nutrition, and inadequate medical care due to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) inability or unwillingness to uphold their own documented detention standards.

During our time conducting oversight at the facility, we were able to visit Ricardo and Octavio who have been denied care and access to insulin. We also met with Anabell who suffered a miscarriage in ICE custody and was denied the necessary and adequate medical services. After our visit, our offices received alarming outreach from families of loved ones detained at Campbell County Detention Center expressing concerns over DHS and ICE's failure to provide detainees with appropriate care, including:

- Lack of access to feminine hygiene products
- Unsanitary and/or dilapidated conditions within the facility
- Consistent denial of critical medical care, including lack of access to medications or delays receiving medications
- Inadequate medical care for female detainees who are experiencing pregnancy, gynecological pain, etc.
- Food and water that does not meet the provision of "detainees with nutritious meals, prepared and served in a sanitary and hygienic food service operation" detention standard.¹

Any detention center unable to provide adequate medical care, guarantee safe and sanitary facilities, and meet detainees' basic needs should not be authorized to continue operating. Given the significant resources Republicans in Congress have appropriated to DHS and ICE, there should be no excuse for facilities failing to meet the Department's own detention standards.

¹ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (2026, Revised). National Detention Standards. ICE.gov. <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/detention-standards/2026/nds2026.pdf>

It is abundantly clear that DHS continues to demonstrate gross disregard for the health, dignity, personhood, and safety of our communities. However, we remain committed to providing oversight, advocating for our constituents, and calling for accountability. We demand answers to the questions below no later than **August 31, 2026**.

1. Please provide a copy of the Campbell County Detention Center facility handbook.
2. Please provide the total number of DHS detainees at the Campbell County Detention Center from April 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026. Please breakdown the total number by the number of:
 - a. female detainees,
 - b. male detainees, and
 - c. children.
3. Please provide whether the health care program and medical facility are under the direction of a facility Health Service Administrator (HSA) or Clinical Medical Authority (CMA).
4. Please provide the number of health care staff on site, including:
 - i. The number of physicians
 - ii. The number of nurses
 1. Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
 2. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
 3. Registered Nurses (RN)
 - iii. The number of mental health providers available to detainees
5. Please provide the number of pregnancy tests offered and provided to female detainees from April 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026.
6. Please provide the number of comprehensive health assessments given to detainees from April 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026.
7. How many miscarriages have taken place within the Campbell County Detention Center, including at off-site-medical centers from October 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026?
8. What is the process for female detainees to receive gynecological and obstetrical health care? Specifically, what is the process for female detainees to receive female hygiene products while on their menstrual cycle?
 - a. If undergarments are soiled due to their menstrual cycle, what is the process for replacement of undergarments?
9. What is the process at the Campbell County Detention Center to have detainees' medical records released to detainees or their representatives?
10. Please provide all current contracts that the facility has with ICE to provide detainees medical care, including off-site medical care.
11. As a part of ICE's National Detention Standards, detention centers are expected to provide **at no cost to the detainee** "medically necessary and appropriate medical, dental and mental health care and pharmaceutical services." It has come to our attention that detainees have been unable to access critical medication, including insulin.
 - a. What is your process for detainees to receive the appropriate medication for pre-existing health conditions?
 - b. Additionally, what is the process for receiving medication should medical conditions develop while detainees are in detention?

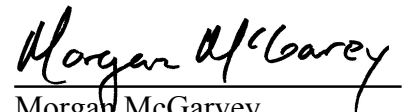
- c. What is the process if the detainee requires off-site medical care, including emergency care?
 - d. What is the process for detainees who submit medical requests that are not efficiently processed to secure medical care? What is the recourse for detainees when processing delays mean medical necessities are not provided and detainees are instead required to purchase them from the commissary?
12. How many times was off-site medical care provided from October 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026? What off-site medical care was provided during that time?
13. During the time period of October 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026, how often was necessary off-site medical care ever switched, adjusted, or rejected?
14. During the time period of October 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026, was necessary off-site care for miscarriage ever treated as period cramps?
15. Secretary Mullin testified on June 3, 2026, before the House Committee on Homeland Security that “[we] did release the menu and if you saw a time, if you look, took time to look at the menu, you’d see it’s pretty good food.” The quality and frequency of food given to detainees did not align with the Secretary’s testimony. Constituents reported they were served expired food and meat with maggots. Please provide the menu of food options given to detainees at the Campbell County Detention Center.
- a. We have heard of cases where detainees are being force fed and subjected to involuntary medical procedures while on hunger strike.² What is Campbell County Detention Center’s process and policy for engaging detainees on hunger strikes?

ICE data show that immigrant detention remains at a record high, with 65,765 detained immigrants, and **over 20 deaths** documented in detention during the first half of 2026.³ According to data⁴, delayed and denied medical care is a leading cause of deaths in detention. Therefore, we demand that you address our request with the urgency and transparency these serious and all-too-often life-threatening concerns deserve.

Sincerely,


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² The Guardian. José Olivares. “‘Stark example of brutality’: Trump’s ICE used court orders in plan to force-feed at least 10 hunger strikers in detention.” August 3, 2026. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/aug/03/trump-dhs-hunger-strikes-force-feeding-ice-detention>

³ The Guardian. “US immigration agents arrested a record number of people in June, data shows.” <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jul/21/immigration-agents-arrest-june-data>

⁴ Physicians for Human Rights. “Dying in Detention: Rising Deaths in an Expanding US Immigration Detention System.” June 25, 2026. <https://phr.org/our-work/resources/dying-in-detention/>