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The Honorable Julie L. Myers  
Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528



Dear Assistant Secretary Myers:

I understand that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) may be set to issue new "performance-based" detention standards later this month. I have further heard reports that these new standards have already been disseminated to ICE detention facilities and that some of these facilities have begun implementing the new standards.

I also understand that although the current detention standards were developed in collaboration with several non-governmental organizations, a similar collaborative process was not used with respect to the new standards set to be implemented. If our reports regarding the implementation of the new standards are correct, this lack of cooperation with NGOs is deeply concerning.

I respectfully request that ICE immediately provide the House Immigration Subcommittee with a copy of the proposed detention standards and work with Subcommittee staff to set up a briefing on these standards.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zoe Lofgren". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Zoe Lofgren  
Chairwoman

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship,  
Refugees, Border Security, & International Law

cc: Rep. Steve King, Ranking Member