

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dave Joyce
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government

Dear Chairman Joyce and Ranking Member Hoyer,

As you prepare the Fiscal Year 2027 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill, we respectfully request the elimination of funding for the General Service Administration's (GSA) ability to lease federal government property to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), including for the uses of office space, property for purposes of operating or creating an immigration detention facility, or selling or leasing GSA property to a DHS-funded contractor.

Across the country, the Trump Administration has deployed ICE and CBP forces to sow chaos against our immigrant communities and make our nation less safe. It is a fact that ICE is being unlawful with unconstitutional acts – including racial profiling and detaining American citizens or legal immigrants, as well as breaching civil liberties. Simultaneously, immigration detention facilities have unsafe living conditions and poor medical care. Women, pregnant women, children, infants, and individuals with disabilities are being wrongfully held in custody and in conditions that are inhumane. Detainees do not have access to their medicine or appropriate medical care, and are literally dying in custody.

And now, with an agency gone completely rouge, ICE and CBP are attempting to expand their chokehold with an increased physical presence across the country, including purchasing and operating more immigration detention facilities. This expansion through GSA will only cause more human suffering for our constituents and at a high cost to taxpayers. Currently, it is clear that ICE does not appropriately handle the detention facility system, from the poor conditions to unique circumstances for detainees, therefore it is not equipped to expand their operations even further.

GSA plays an important role in securing office space and property for the federal government, however the Trump Administration's desperate attempts to expand immigrant detention facilities will only expose more immigrants to more inhumane and poor conditions, and inflict harm on our immigrant communities.

The elimination of GSA's ability to lease ICE or CBP office space or the ability to open immigrant detention centers on GSA property will protect our immigrant communities and rein in a rouge ICE.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your leadership in supporting the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government in carrying out its responsibilities for our constituents.

Sincerely,



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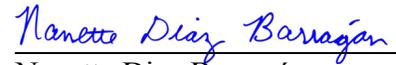
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