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April 14, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin:

I write regarding the deaths of two individuals in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Miami Correctional Facility in Indiana. Lorth Sim, 59, died on February 16, 2026. Tuan Van Bui, 55, died on April 1, 2026. Two deaths in ICE custody in less than two months at a single facility that has been operational for less than six months.

These deaths are not isolated incidents. They reflect a disturbing pattern of documented failures within ICE detention facilities, including inadequate medical care, chronic understaffing, and poor oversight of contracted facilities. When the federal government takes custody of any individual, they have statutory, legal, and moral responsibilities to provide the highest standard of humane custodial care. When DHS detains anyone, it assumes full responsibility for their safety and wellbeing. The Trump Administration has repeatedly failed to meet these basic, statutory obligations.

On April 9, 2026, I conducted a congressional oversight visit to Miami Correctional Facility, met directly with detainees, and heard firsthand accounts of conditions inside the facility. What I learned directly contradicts official assurances about the standard of care being provided.

Detainees reported serious and systemic failures in medical care. Two individuals told me they did not receive medication in a timely manner. Detainees also told me that screams for help during medical emergencies are frequently ignored by staff, and that a functioning intercom system could have made a difference in the response to at least one of the deaths. The deaths of Lorth Sim and Tuan Van Bui raise grave concerns about whether detainees are receiving the medical attention the law requires. Beyond medical care, I have received multiple reports of barriers to or lack of access to legal services, including delayed mail that caused at least one detainee to miss a legal deadline. The conditions detainees described are deeply troubling. Both detainees reported frequent lockdowns lasting six to seven days during which they are confined to their cells. Detainees reported receiving only two sets of undergarments and clothing with limited access to working washers and dryers. Detainees also reported not receiving food that accommodates their religious observances, no access to basic religious items such as prayer mats, and difficulty obtaining commissary funds.

Members of Congress, advocates, and legal service providers have raised alarms about dangerous conditions inside ICE detention centers. Yet these warnings have been largely ignored. A record number of ICE detainees died in 2025 and two have already died at Miami Correction in 2026 alone. This pattern raises more serious concerns about the Department's ability or willingness to meet its legal duty to

provide humane treatment and adequate medical care for those in its custody. Congress has a duty to conduct rigorous oversight when basic rights are not met and the law is broken.

Accordingly, I request that the Department provide the following information no later than April 21st, 2026.

1. The official cause and manner of each death.
2. A complete timeline of events in the 72 hours preceding each death.
3. All medical records and documentation of care provided during Lorth Sim and Tuan Van Bui's time in ICE custody.
4. Documentation of staffing levels at the time of each incident, including medical personnel (physicians, nurses, EMTs), and whether a licensed physician was on site.
5. The current status of intercom and emergency alert systems at the facility, and whether they were operational at the time of each death.
6. All inspection reports, deficiency notices, or corrective action plans issued for this facility within the past three years.
7. When is the next inspection expected? What is the cadence of inspections given that this is a new facility for ICE detention?
8. What corrective actions have you taken to prevent future deaths?
9. Whether either matter has been referred to the DHS Office of Inspector General or any outside investigative authority.
10. The total number of deaths in ICE custody nationwide since January 2025, including causes of death and the locations of those deaths.
11. What is the average daily population at the Miami Correctional Facility under ICE contract, and what is the facility's maximum capacity? How long is the average duration of detentions at this facility?
12. How many current detainees need prescription medications? Please provide documentation demonstrating the timely and consistent delivery of such medications and the occasions when ICE has failed to provide medical care or medication in a timely manner.
13. What are the daily ICE staffing totals for the Miami Correctional Facility?
 - How many staff are ICE employees?
 - How many staff are contractors who have not been certified in custodial or detention protocols?
 - How many staff are Indiana Correctional Employees handling ICE detention or custodial duties?
14. What has been the ratio of ICE employees to detainees over the time ICE has detained immigrants at the Miami Correctional Facility? How does this ratio vary from applicable state and federal requirements?
15. Has the facility been inspected to comply with the statutory requirements for custodial care?
 - When were the inspections conducted and what were the results, including any failed inspections, audits, deficiencies or compliance reviews since ICE began using the facility last year? Please provide all reports.
16. Has the facility received complaints through the ICE Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL) related to medical care, neglect, or unsafe conditions?
 - Provide the number and nature of complaints.
17. Were there any delays in providing medical attention to either deceased individual?
 - If so, explain the cause of delay.
18. When were the individual's families notified of the death? How much time expired between the death and the notification?
19. Has ICE preserved all surveillance footage and records related to the deaths?
 - Will DHS commit to releasing all video footage from the relevant time periods?

20. How much federal funding has been allocated to expanding detention capacity in Indiana in FY2025 and FY2026?
- Please provide a detailed description of these plans, including the specific locations for the expanded sites, the number of detainees and ICE employees and/or contractors expected to utilize these sites.
21. Please provide the following information regarding people in Miami Correctional Facility detention center:
- Place of arrest;
 - Facility held prior to being transferred to Miami Correctional Facility;
 - Country of origin;
 - U.S. citizen children.
22. How is ICE ensuring that people in ICE custody at Miami Correctional Facility have free, private, and confidential correspondence with their attorney or with a potential attorney? How can detainees find contact information for attorneys and what procedures exist to request phone or video calls to attorneys? What access do detainees have to save or print personal documents?
23. Has ICE Form 60-0001, used for congressional inquiries to ICE, been made available electronically in the tablet law library with the ability for detainees to sign?
24. Have upgrades been made to the commissary system to allow ICE detainees to receive electronically transferred funds to their accounts? What is the process for transferring commissary funds from one detention center to another?

Any attempt to delay or obscure the facts in this case will only deepen public concern about ICE's detention practices. We expect your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Andre Carson
Member of Congress