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*Via e-mail*

**Re: Re: Immediate redress of abusive and retaliatory tactics at Folkston ICE Processing Center**

Mr. Ervin, Mr. McMillar, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. Normand,

On behalf of Garsumo Dorley and men detained in similar circumstances at the Folkston ICE Processing Center (FIPC), we write to follow up on our requests submitted to you on June 16, 2022. Since that date, we are aware of no steps that have been taken by ICE or the GEO Group to address the concerning pattern of violent abuse and retaliatory discipline documented at FIPC.

After submission of our letter on June 16, 2022, we received a reply from Mr. Ervin confirming receipt and expressing that he was “reviewing the matter.” Mr. Ervin further communicated that ICE ERO treats “any allegations of mistreatment of non citizens entrusted in our care seriously and will ensure they are properly investigated.”

Unfortunately, after this initial communication, the undersigned have received no further response from Mr. Ervin or the above-named individuals or agencies. Since submission of our letter,

we are independently aware of ICE’s responses to the recent DHS OIG report documenting violations of ICE detention standards at FIPC. However, these responses fail to address the serious incidents communicated in our last letter. As of this date, none of our initial requests have been met:

- By June 23, 2022, provide Mr. Dorley’s legal representative with video footage of the incidents on April 16, 18, and 26, 2022, as described in our initial letter;<sup>1</sup>
- By June 23, 2022, begin a formal investigation into abusive and retaliatory behavior by GEO personnel against Black immigrants at FIPC, including the offenses outlined in our initial letter;
- By June 30, 2022, release all potential witnesses and victims of undue use of force at FIPC, to enable them to participate in the investigation without fear of retaliation;
- By July 11, 2022, provide a response outlining FIPC’s plan of action, including the disciplinary and remedial measures that may be undertaken in response to any findings of staff misconduct.

It is our understanding that as of today, no witnesses or victims of undue use of force at FIPC have been acknowledged by ICE or the GEO Group, nor have they been released. We are also unaware of any internal investigation or accountability measures that have been implemented in response to the serious and disturbing incidents outlined in our initial letter. We remain deeply concerned that the pattern of undue use of force and retaliation at FIPC continues and request a written response to this letter no later than Friday, July 15, 2022, at 5 PM EST.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Dorley’s legal representative, Ariel Prado, has a signed G-28 on record with ICE. Since submission of our requests, Mr. Prado has received neither pertinent communication nor the requested materials from ICE.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MPG', is written over a horizontal line.

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