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Via email

RE: Access to counsel and other legal resources for civil immigrant detainees at FCI Sheridan

Mr. Ives and Ms. Godfrey,

On behalf of the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Innovation Law Lab, a nonprofit organization in Oregon that coordinates an immigration pro bono representation project in Oregon, we write to request that you (1) grant access for our pro bono lawyers to provide a legal rights presentation to the civil immigrant detainees; (2) provide a written notice describing the availability of pro bono lawyers to the civil immigrant detainees with our hotline information; (3) permit civil immigrant detainees to call the pro bono hotline without charge in a confidential, private manner; and (4) not remove any civil immigrant detainee prior to being informed of their legal rights.

It is our understanding that there are more than 100 civil immigrant detainees who arrived at FCI Sheridan this week. From reports and information, we understand that these are individuals who recently arrived in the United States. Many, if not most, of these individuals may have legal remedies. The Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as a host of statutes, regulations, and long-standing practice provides that these individuals are entitled to access counsel to understand their legal remedies and pursue the same.

The Law Lab, in collaboration with our pro bono partners the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, is well qualified to provide the legal rights presentation at the Sheridan FCI. *See* ICE PBNDS 2011 at Ch. 6.4 (revised 2016). The Law Lab established the immigration pro bono projects in Artesia, New Mexico and Dilley, Texas for civil immigrant detained families. We operate pro bono representation projects in Oregon, Missouri, Georgia, and North Carolina for non-detained individuals. We provide support to the pro bono project at the Southern Poverty Law Center's Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative at four adult detention centers in the southeastern United States. The Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association has a robust pro bono program and has been involved in providing legal rights presentations throughout the state.

Generally, immigrant detention facilities “shall permit detainees to make direct or free calls to the offices and individuals listed below...legal representatives, to obtain legal representation, or for consultation when subject to expedited removal (when a detainee is under an expedited removal order, his/her ability to contact pro bono legal representatives shall not be restricted).” *See* ICE PBNDS 2011 at Ch. 5.6(V)(E). We request that the Sheridan facility immediately provide such access to all civil detainees in your custody. We can provide the hotline number and a suggested written notice to provide to detainees at your request.

We appreciate your prompt courtesies and attention to our request and are happy to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

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