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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren United States Senate 317 Hart Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

I write to respond to your letter, dated March 9, 2020, that requests information regarding The GEO Group, Inc.'s (GEO)'s policies and procedures detailing efforts to combat the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As you know, since 1984, GEO has been an exceptional, high-quality service provider to both federal and state agencies throughout both Democratic and Republican Administrations. GEO has a long-standing history of providing safe, secure, and humane conditions at all of its facilities located throughout the United States and abroad.

First, please know that we are fully aware of the emerging health concerns presented by COVID-19. We are working closely with our clients to implement the recommended precautions and prevention techniques. We are carefully following and regularly distributing educational materials and guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), local health authorities, and our clients. This information is being published broadly and rapidly to our workforce and every person entrusted to our care.

I would like to correct false statements in the media regarding their accuracy to GEO Facilities.

- None of our facilities are overcrowded.
- None of our facilities lack access to regular handwashing with clean water and soap.
- All of our facilities provide 24/7 access to healthcare.
- All of our ICE Processing Centers have approximately double the number of healthcare staff, compared to correctional facilities.
- We have ordered swab kits for COVID-19 from a national supplier.

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Further, we remain in close contact with officials from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. Marshals Service, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to ensure our plans and policies are fully consistent with any steps those agencies decide to implement. As a private sector service provider to those agencies, we are in a support role. Accordingly, we believe the information requested by your letter is information that, under our contracts, belongs to those agencies. Thus, they are in the best position to respond to your requests.

I hope this information is helpful as we all work together to address this important public health concern.

Sincerely,

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