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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: November 15, 2018 Letter to CoreCivic

Dear Senator Warren:

On behalf of CoreCivic, I write in further response to your November 15, 2018 letter regarding the September 27, 2018 report issued by the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Office of Inspector General (“OIG”).<sup>1</sup>

CoreCivic is proud to have worked with the U.S. government through a partnership that has spanned every administration—Democrat and Republican—for more than 30 years. During that time, and still to this day, CoreCivic has played a valued but limited role in America’s immigration system. Specifically:

- CoreCivic does not enforce immigration laws, does not arrest anyone who may be in violation of immigration laws, and does not have any say regarding an individual’s deportation or release.
- CoreCivic’s responsibility is to care for each individual respectfully and humanely while they receive the legal due process to which they are entitled.
- CoreCivic does not provide housing for any children who are not under the supervision of a parent. CoreCivic does not operate shelters for unaccompanied minors, nor does it operate border patrol facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> As a preliminary matter, it is important to note that this OIG report makes no mention or criticism of CoreCivic.

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In addition, CoreCivic has a long-standing policy not to advocate for or against any legislation that serves as the basis for—or determines the duration of—an individual's incarceration or detention.

With regard to your specific questions, we appreciate the opportunity to share more information about CoreCivic's partnership with DHS, as well as to explain CoreCivic's operations and the oversight of its facilities.

CoreCivic currently operates thirteen detention and/or correctional facilities pursuant to contracts with the U.S. government, including DHS's Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), as well as through direct contracts and Intergovernmental Service Agreements. These facilities, at which CoreCivic detains immigrants awaiting immigration determinations on behalf of the federal government, include:

- Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex  
1155 North Pinal Parkway, Florence, AZ 85132;
- Cibola County Correctional Center  
2000 Cibola Loops, Milan, NM 87021;
- Elizabeth Detention Center  
625 Evans Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201;
- Eloy Detention Center  
1705 East Hanna Road, Eloy, AZ 85131;
- La Palma Correctional Center  
5501 North La Palma Road, Eloy, AZ 85131;
- Nevada Southern Detention Center  
2190 East Mesquite Avenue, Pahrump, NV 89060;
- Northeast Ohio Correctional Center  
2240 Hubbard Road, Youngstown, OH 44505;
- Otay Mesa Detention Center  
7488 Calzada De La Fuente, San Diego, CA 92154;

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- Stewart Detention Center  
146 CCA Road, Lumpkin, GA 31815;
- T. Don Hutto Residential Center  
1001 Welch Street, Taylor, TX 76574;
- Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility  
415 U.S. Highway 49 North, Tutwiler, MS 38963;
- Webb County Detention Center  
9998 S. Highway 83, Laredo, TX 78046; and
- West Tennessee Detention Facility  
6299 Finde Naifeh Jr. Drive, P.O. Box 509, Mason, TN 38049.

In addition, CoreCivic currently operates two processing centers: Houston Processing Center (15850 Export Plaza Drive, Houston, TX 77032) and Laredo Processing Center (4702 E. Saunders, Laredo, TX 78041); as well as the South Texas Family Residential Center (300 El Rancho Way, Dilley, TX 78017).

The South Texas Family Residential Center (“STFRC”) is the only CoreCivic facility utilized for immigrant families (women and children). It was established in partnership with President Obama’s ICE as part of his Administration’s efforts to address a humanitarian crisis created by an unprecedented immigration surge on America’s southwest border. That’s why the STFRC is a purpose-built, civil residential facility specifically designed for immigrant mothers and children according to the specifications established by the Obama Administration. This facility has numerous features to meet the unique needs of these individuals and to provide them a safe and appropriate environment while they prepare for the next steps in the immigration process:

- Each of STFRC’s residential complexes is equipped with a 775-square foot playroom, large screen TV, PlayStations, treadmill and exercise bike, board games, books, and age-appropriate toys.
- The Comprehensive Student Education Center for Pre-K through 12th grade instruction includes 32 classrooms, a gym, computer labs, interactive multimedia instructional content, and 200 annual days of instruction in state-approved core, ESL, special education, music, and art curricula.

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- Recreation areas include four indoor gyms (5,400 square feet each), three neighborhood park areas with multiple play structures, handball courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and soccer fields.
- The facility includes a 6,500 square foot library with more than 24,000 volumes for entertainment, study, and law, as well as computers.
- There are two separate 4,600 square foot chapels for worship.
- Dedicated privacy rooms are available for attorney meetings, and the five onsite courtrooms can also be used as virtual courtrooms. Monitored childcare is available for parents who prefer not to have their children accompany them for attorney visits, immigration hearings, or administrative reviews. ICE officials maintain dedicated office space onsite and coordinate with groups who provide legal counsel to ensure they have access to the facility.
- The facility cafeteria provides three meals every day that are culturally sensitive and approved by a licensed dietician. Snacks are available throughout the facility 24/7.
- Families have freedom of movement throughout the facility from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. They can also receive visitors seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Parents provide direct supervision of their children unless the children are attending school or another approved activity.

ICE contracts for and oversees comprehensive onsite medical, mental health and dental services at STFRC, including a 24/7 walk-in clinic, group and individual therapy, parenting classes, and a stress clinic. Because ICE—not CoreCivic—is responsible for healthcare at many CoreCivic facilities, any additional questions about facility healthcare would be best directed to ICE.

CoreCivic’s immigration facilities are required to adhere to standards as prescribed by ICE. For instance, Performance-Based National Detention Standards (“PBNDS”)—standards that were crafted by ICE to improve medical and mental health services, increase access to legal services and religious opportunities, improve communication with detainees with limited English proficiency, improve the process for reporting and responding to complaints, reinforce protections against sexual abuse and assault, and increase recreation and visitation—govern a

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number of CoreCivic's immigration facilities (in both the 2008 and 2011 versions). In contrast to CoreCivic's facilities, many of the public facilities contracted by ICE are not subject to these standards. Other CoreCivic facilities, such as the STFRC, have facility-specific standards given the unique nature of the facilities. In addition, certain facilities operate under National Detention Standards ("NDS").

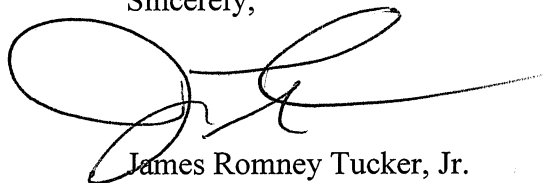
CoreCivic facilities are also subject to multiple levels of oversight, including regular review and audit processes and onsite monitoring, with more than 500 ICE officials currently assigned to CoreCivic's ICE-contracted facilities. As a general matter, CoreCivic facilities are subject to inspection and audit, and most facilities typically receive an audit on an annual basis, if not more frequently. With respect to third party audits, as CoreCivic may not receive all materials related to such audits (including, but not limited to, complete sets of documents shared by and between ICE and the auditors), CoreCivic respectfully defers to its government partners regarding specific questions pertaining to particular audits.

Finally, CoreCivic has received no credible accusations of forced labor violations related to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

CoreCivic believes that immigration is one of the most complex and personal issues that our country currently faces. CoreCivic cares deeply about each person in its care and is committed to treating them with the respect and dignity they deserve. CoreCivic is proud of the role that its facilities and professionals play across the country, a role that allows the federal government the flexibility to manage the scale and volatility of the constantly fluctuating immigrant population.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to reach me directly with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Romney Tucker, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: The Honorable Ron Wyden, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Kamala D. Harris, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Bernard Sanders, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Cory A. Booker, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Edward J. Markey, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Mazie Hirono, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Tom Udall, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Jeffrey A. Merkley, U.S. Senate