



One Hundred Nineteenth Congress
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 10, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin,

We write to raise alarm regarding the department's detention and deportation of individuals with serious medical conditions and specialized medical needs. The prior secretary's inhumane mass-deportation campaign has swept up medically vulnerable people with no criminal records, including elderly residents in nursing home care, pregnant women, and children with cancer. Immigration enforcement must be conducted in a manner that respects human life and that protects innocent and vulnerable individuals from harm.

ICE detainees, including children, have reportedly been denied access to their prescribed medications.¹ Investigations into detention centers have found failures to accommodate people with disabilities, failures to provide specialized or timely emergency care, incomplete health records, shortages in health care staff, inadequate staffing of pediatricians and child psychologists, and unsafe and unsanitary conditions.² Furthermore, some detention centers do not have the capabilities to properly treat people with medically complex conditions.

For individuals who have specialized medical needs and are not a threat to society, consideration should be given to allowing them to continue their medical care in appropriate settings with the providers who understand their medical history. To detain or deport someone without consideration of their medical needs could be a death sentence.

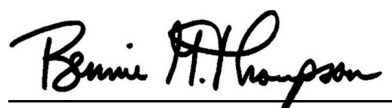
¹ ACLU, "ICE Deports 3 U.S. Citizen Children Held Incommunicado Prior to the Deportation," April 25, 2026, <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/ice-deports-3-u-s-citizen-children-held-incommunicado-prior-to-the-deportation>.

² Akash Pillai, Drishti Pillai, and Samantha Artiga, "Deaths and Health Care Issues in ICE Detention Centers Under the Second Trump Administration," KFF, March 25, 2026, <https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/deaths-and-health-care-issues-in-ice-detention-centers-under-the-second-trump-administration/>.

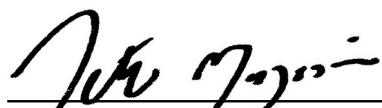
We ask that you prioritize going after individuals with criminal records who pose a threat and deprioritize individuals with specialized medical needs with no criminal records, including children, the elderly, the disabled, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other medically vulnerable people.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member



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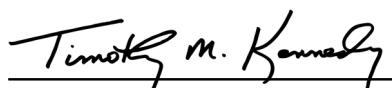
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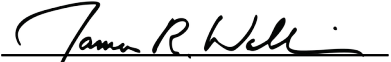
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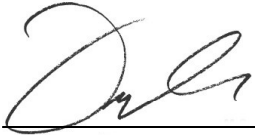
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