

September 4, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

**RE: Treatment of Transgender Immigrants in Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Detention Facilities**

Dear Secretary Mullin,

I write to express my deep concern over reports of hazardous conditions for transgender migrants in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities resulting from deliberate agency policies, including the denial of medical care and the removal of protections for transgender individuals.

In recent months, the federal government has halted the provision of specialized medical care for transgender detainees in at least 10 detention centers across the nation, which experts have warned can cause physical and mental health complications. Additionally, the Trump administration ended a Biden-era policy of reserving detention center units for transgender women. As a result, transgender women in detention centers have been placed either with men or in solitary confinement.¹ According to research from the Center for American Progress (CAP), a nonpartisan thinktank, LGBT migrants experience far higher rates of emotional, physical, and sexual violence in immigration detention centers than non-LGBT migrants, with transgender detainees being especially vulnerable. CAP also found that transgender detainees spent an average of 99 days in solitary confinement while in ICE custody, more than twice the average for other migrants.²

The denial of medical care and removal of protections for transgender individuals in ICE detention has created cruel, inhumane, and dangerous conditions for these individuals. Migrants detained by ICE should not have their basic rights trampled, including transgender migrants. I urge you to reinstate the provision of medical care for transgender detainees and the longstanding protections from which they previously benefited.

¹ Ley, Ana. "Trans Migrants in ICE Detention Are Losing Their Rights and Medical Care." *New York Times*. August 20, 2026. <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/08/20/nyregion/transgender-migrants-ice.html>

² Gruberg, S. (2018) *Ice's rejection of its own rules is placing LGBT immigrants at severe risk of sexual abuse, ICE's Rejection of Its Own Rules Is Placing LGBT Immigrants at Severe Risk of Sexual Abuse*. <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/ices-rejection-rules-placing-lgbt-immigrants-severe-risk-sexual-abuse/>.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. Should you require additional information, please contact Congressman Green's Chief of Staff, Raphael Cohen-Fuentes, by email at Raphael.Cohen-Fuentes@mail.house.gov or phone at 202-225-7508.

Sincerely,



Al Green
Member of Congress

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