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Dear Mr. Raycraft,

**We are writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing conditions experienced by immigrant and refugee detainees in facilities under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We also specifically urge you to ensure that Mr. Aleo Vang (A# 073-332-214) receives the proper dosage and type of medication he was prescribed by his doctor. Reports continue to indicate that individuals in ICE custody are facing overcrowding, inhumane living conditions, and improper or delayed medical care. These conditions are unconstitutional and a human rights violation.**

Regardless of immigration status, every individual in federal custody is entitled to specific rights according to the Constitution, and humane treatment. Overcrowding undermines detainees' physical and psychological safety, restricts access to basic hygiene, and increases the risk of communicable diseases. Reporting by the Los Angeles Times found that one third of detainees were held in overcrowded facilities.<sup>1</sup> We are also particularly troubled by recent accounts of insufficient medical care, delayed access to medications, and preventable medical emergencies. These failings not only violate ICE's own Performance-Based National Detention Standards but place already vulnerable populations at heightened risk of harm. Some ICE facilities have been reported to only provide rice and water, and other facilities provided rotten food.<sup>2</sup> Several individuals have died in ICE custody this year, which is extremely troubling.

It is our understanding that Mr. Aleo Vang, a Hmong refugee who is being held at the North Lake

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<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2025-08-29/as-ice-detainees-top-60000-some-detention-centers-stuck-mattresses-on-the-floor>

<sup>2</sup>

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/blog/trump-deadlier-for-ice-detainees-than-covid-19-pandemic/>

Processing Center, needed emergency medical care because he was not receiving the correct dosage of necessary blood pressure medication, officials did not allow his wife to provide the correct dosage, and Alee was then given blood pressure medication that he is allergic to, causing the emergency. This is unacceptable. All people, regardless of status or detainment, deserve proper medical care.

We urge ICE to take immediate corrective action, including:

1. **Ensuring that Mr. Alee Vang is given the proper medication at correct dosage for his blood pressure.** He is currently being held at the North Lake Processing Center in Baldwin, Michigan.
2. **Reducing overcrowding** by transferring individuals to compliant facilities or employing alternatives to detention where appropriate.
3. **Implementing emergency improvements** to sanitation, nutrition, access to potable water, recreation, and personal hygiene supplies.
4. **Ensuring adequate on-site medical staffing**, including bilingual, culturally competent providers, and guaranteeing timely access to both physical and mental health services.
5. **Increasing oversight and transparency**, including regular unannounced inspections, public reporting of conditions, and meaningful accountability for violations.

Our immigration system must uphold the values we profess as a nation: fairness, compassion, and respect for human dignity. The individuals held in these facilities—many of whom are asylum seekers, long-time residents, and parents of U.S. citizens—deserve treatment consistent with constitutional protections and international human rights standards.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to your prompt action to safeguard the wellbeing of those in ICE custody.

Sincerely,

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