

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons:

We write to follow up on our visit to the Broadview Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center in Illinois (1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL) on June 18, 2025 to conduct oversight of the facility. Given ongoing reports of abuses at the facility and public reporting that it may be used as a primary processing facility for a large-scale enforcement campaign by federal law enforcement, we are gravely concerned about its compliance with the law.¹

As you may know, we were denied entrance to the processing center despite presenting documentation identifying us as Members of Congress, and despite confirmation of people detained there in inhumane conditions for days at a time.² This denial of access plainly violates federal law. Section 527 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–47), states that:

“None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Homeland Security by this Act may be used to prevent...a Member of Congress...from entering, for the purpose of conducting oversight, any facility operated by or for the Department of Homeland Security used to detain or otherwise house aliens.”³

This provision further states that “[n]othing in this section may be construed to require a Member of Congress to provide prior notice of the intent to enter a facility...for the purpose of conducting oversight.”⁴

The statutory language is clear, yet officials at the Broadview facility unlawfully refused to allow us access to conduct oversight, instead demanding that we provide notice in advance of an oversight visit. The day after our visit, ICE issued a new policy requiring Members of Congress to request visits

¹ See Francie Swidler and Lisa Chavarria, *Suburban ICE facility to be used for 'large-scale' immigration enforcement, mayor says*, NBC Chicago (Sept. 4, 2025), <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/politics/suburban-ice-facility-to-be-used-for-large-scale-immigration-enforcement-mayor-says/3819421/>

² See Julie Bosman, *No One Answers When Lawmakers From Illinois Knock on ICE's Door*, N.Y. Times (June 18, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/18/us/ice-detention-illinois-congress.html>; Angelica Sanchez and Ethan Illers, *Broadview ICE facility faces scrutiny over alleged poor conditions, treatment*, WGN (Jun 7, 2025), <https://wgntv.com/migrants-in-chicago/broadview-ice-facility-faces-scrutiny-over-alleged-poor-conditions-treatment/>

³ Section 527(a), Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-47).

⁴ *Id.*

to facilities with 72 business hours' notice.⁵ This new policy directly contravenes federal law.⁶

We sought access to the Broadview facility because of credible reports that the facility was being used to unlawfully detain immigrants, including our constituents. The reports suggested that people are being detained for prolonged periods of time without access to basic necessities and legal counsel. One person detained there detailed how she was one of approximately 30 women who were held in a room with no beds, no blankets and very little food. She and her fellow detainees had to sleep on the floor and had no access to showers or any hygiene products.⁷

Unfortunately, since our attempt to visit the facility in compliance with federal law, we have continued to receive information indicating that our community members are being detained at the facility overnight with limited access to food, bedding, and communication with counsel and family members.

Your agencies continue to flout federal law. We take our responsibility to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States seriously, even if you do not. We continue to be deeply concerned about the conditions at the Broadview facility, and we will not be deterred by your refusal to comply with the law.

For these reasons, we submit the following list of questions and demand a response by September 15, 2025:

1. What is the Broadview facility's total holding capacity? Why is this information not included in ICE's public reporting on ICE detention facilities?
2. How many individuals in ICE custody are currently held at this facility, and how many have been held each day for the past 60 days? Please provide a breakdown by gender, nationality, and language spoken.
3. How will Broadview be utilized in connection with the Department of Homeland Security's recently-announced Operation Midway Blitz?
4. What detention standards currently govern the facility?
5. What was the date of the last facility inspection and audit by the ICE Office of Detention Oversight? We request a copy of the most recently conducted inspection and audit results.
6. What medical care is available to individuals held at the facility?

⁵ See Michael Gold, *ICE Imposes New Rules on Congressional Visits*, N.Y. Times (June 19, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/19/us/politics/ice-congress.html>

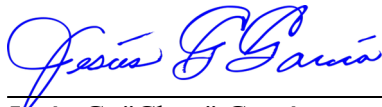
⁶ See Compl., Joe Neguse et al. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement et al., No. 1:25-cv-02463 (D.D.C. July 30, 2025), <https://democracyforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/1-Neguse-v.-ICE-Complaint.pdf> (lawsuit by Members of Congress challenging ICE's oversight visit policy).

⁷ See Laura Rodriguez-Presa, *'Dehumanizing': Inside the Broadview ICE facility where immigrants sleep on cold concrete*, Chicago Tribune (Aug. 3, 2025), <https://www.chicagotribune.com/2025/08/03/dehumanizing-inside-the-broadview-ice-facility-where-immigrants-sleep-on-cold-concrete/>; Cindy Hernandez, *Honduran woman held at Broadview ICE facility describes conditions as 'inhumane'*, Chicago Sun-Times (July 28, 2025), <https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/2025/07/28/honduran-woman-held-at-broadview-ice-facility-describes-conditions-as-inhumane>

7. What process must individuals held at the facility undertake to request and receive medical care?
8. What process must individuals held at the facility undertake to communicate with counsel?
9. What process must individuals held at the facility undertake to communicate with family members?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

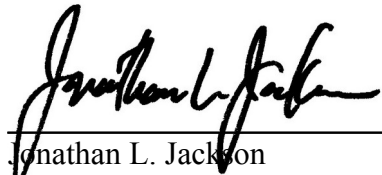
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