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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin  
Secretary  
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Mr. Todd Lyons  
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Commissioner Lyons:

I write to raise serious concerns over the lack of transparency regarding the main contractor and operator of Camp East Montana and the continued substandard and dangerous conditions at this facility. Despite public reports that the primary contractor changed at Camp East Montana in March, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials at the facility recently shared that no change has been made and the original contractor is still operating the facility. Members of Congress and the public require transparency into the operation of this facility and clear answers about the status of the contracts.

In 2025, the contract for the Camp East Montana, valued at over \$1 billion, was originally awarded to Acquisition Logistics, a company with no prior detention experience. According to ICE's own reports, it found 49 instances of the facility failing to meet national detention standards, including improper use of force and lack of proper medical care. In response, DHS said it had awarded the contract to a new company, Amentum. Amentum and its affiliated companies have received over 100 regulatory violations and tens of millions of dollars in penalties. The lack of transparency is unacceptable.

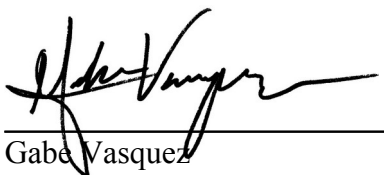
On April 6th, I conducted an oversight visit to Camp East Montana, nearly a month after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced it was switching to the primary contract to oversee the facility. This change was announced after the third death at the facility and continued reports of unsanitary and unsafe conditions. As part of the contractor transition, ICE claimed that the new contractor would increase medical care, staffing, and oversight of the facility. I saw no signs of these improvements, despite the fact that an ICE spokesperson indicated Amentum Services contract to run the facility was in effect as of March 13th. In fact, during the visit ICE staff at the facility confirmed that Acquisition Logistics is still operating the facility.

During the visit, I heard directly from detainees about the continued lack of medication and medical services, ongoing spread of diseases like measles and tuberculosis, inedible and

rotten food, abhorrent physical abuse and threats from staff, and lack of access to legal counsel. ICE staff also confirmed that an ongoing quarantine involving over 100 detainees was in place due to outbreaks of infectious disease at the facility. And while ICE refused to provide any data on the criminality of the detainee population, I also heard from detainees that up to 98% of detainees held in the facility had no criminal record.

It is clear that conditions have not improved at Camp East Montana, the Administration is not targeting individuals who pose a proven threat to public safety, and DHS is not being transparent about operations at the facility. ICE is refusing to follow its own regulations, wasting taxpayer dollars, and failing to uphold our American values. That is why I demand answers as to the status of which contractor is operating this facility amidst conflicting reports from ICE itself and again urge DHS to close this facility immediately. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabe Vasquez", written over a horizontal line.

Gabe Vasquez  
Member of Congress