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Attn: Office of Public Affairs
Joseph V. Cuffari
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Re: Office of Inspector General – Final Report of an Unannounced Inspection of Northwest ICE Processing Center in Tacoma, Washington OIG-23-26 and Limited-Scope Unannounced Inspection of Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center in Bakersfield, California, OIG-24-03

Dear Public Affairs Team:

The GEO Group Inc. (GEO), the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NWIPC) and the Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center (MVIPC) have thoroughly reviewed the final reports, OIG-23-26, dated May 22, 2023, and OIG-24-03, dated November 2, 2023, that we received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General's (OIG), Office of Public Affairs on March 5, 2024. We understand that these reports were provided to GEO under Section 5274(a) of the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. This section allows non-governmental organizations and business entities identified in the report to review reports and submit a written response "for the purpose of clarifying or providing additional context" to any specific reference to that organization or entity.

We have carefully reviewed each of the reports and are pleased to report that we have no comments to provide. We worked closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during their review of the draft reports to provide input to findings and recommendations that pertain to us.

We appreciated hosting the OIG teams at both the NWIPC and MVIPC sites as we gained valuable insight into improving operations and providing a safe, secure environment for those entrusted to our care. We remain committed to addressing any concerns raised and continuously improving our operations to uphold the highest standards of care and compliance.

Going forward, we respectfully request that you send any future reports to the attention of:

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We will ensure you receive a timely response.

We also respectfully request that, as your office implements notifications under Section 5724(a), you kindly send us a copy of the report as soon as possible after publication so we can provide any comments within the 30-day period prescribed by the statute.¹ We monitor your office's publications and have subscribed to the "DHS OIG news and updates" for notifications.

We appreciate your office sharing these reports with us, and we look forward to receiving any future reports your office publishes that relates to our company.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Ragsdale Executive Vice President, Contract Compliance

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¹ 5 U.S.C. § 5274(a)(ii)(I).