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**RE:** *State of Washington. v. The GEO Group*, 3:17-cv-05806 Media Tour & Video

Dear Counsel:

I write to advise you that on September 10, 2019, media outlets conducted a tour, including photography and videography, at the Northwest ICE Processing Center (NIPC), previously referred to as the Northwest Detention Center or NWDC. The ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Field Office Director approved the photography and videography request based on the impact to operations, safety, security, and order of the facility. Due to the same operational security and safety concerns that I raised on ICE ERO's behalf in my previous correspondence dated June 19, 2019, this media tour was subject to the same, if not heightened, restrictions, as the tour taken by counsel in this case on June 26, 2019. ICE would note that the media tour was significantly more limited in scope than the tour taken by Plaintiffs, both in terms of length and access to the facility. The access granted to Plaintiffs for the purposes of litigation was much broader than the access granted to the media. Given ICE's commitment to transparency in its operations, I am notifying you of the existence of these photos and videos and that they are available to you, upon request to and subject only to any limitations imposed by the media outlets. Any request for footage should be made directly to the media outlets.

During the media tour, no photographs or videos were allowed of: security cameras;

computer screens; full layouts or blueprints of the facility; or any building security procedures including, but not limited to sally ports, guard towers, perimeter fences, secured entrances and exits, and any hidden entrances and exits related to security. The tour did not include the administrative segregation unit.

Further, no photo or video recording of any detainee was permitted at any time during the tour. No photo or video recording of any GEO or ICE employee, with the exception of the ICE on-the-record media spokesperson, was permitted, as well as no photo or video recording of name tags, ID cards or other identifying features of any individual working or visiting inside the facility. Additionally, no photo or video recording was allowed of any documentation or paperwork containing personally identifiable information or medical information. Any inadvertent photo or video recording of the foregoing is required to be blurred or redacted prior to publishing. In the interest of operational security, privacy, and the safety of everyone inside the NIPC, ICE has requested that all footage from the media tour be submitted to ICE for a security and privacy review following the tour and prior to publishing or airing. Finally, the media tour was limited to one hour, as compared to Plaintiffs' tour, which totaled approximately six hours.

ICE has advised the media outlets, KIRO; KIRO Radio; KUOW Radio; KING5; Q13; AP; Fox; KOMO; Seattle Times; Fox 12; News Tribune; Univision; and KNKX, that it does not object to any footage taken during the tour being shared in response to a request by a third party, subject to the media outlet's own policies and procedures.

Sincerely,



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cc. Kristin B. Johnson