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August 11, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable David Venturella
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
500 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Secretary Mullin and Acting Director Venturella:

Thank you for the opportunity to visit the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Ferndale Suboffice/Hold Facility ("Ferndale Suboffice") in Ferndale, Washington on July 31, 2026.

I toured this facility because I have heard from constituents whose family members and friends have been detained at the Ferndale Suboffice. As part of my oversight responsibilities, I am working to get answers for my constituents about the facility's operations and policies. While the officers present during my visit were able to answer some of my questions, I am writing to get additional clarification and data.

To better understand the purpose and use of ICE's Ferndale Suboffice, please provide answers to the following questions no later than Friday, August 21, 2026:

1. When did ICE ERO begin operating at the Ferndale Suboffice?
2. How many people have been detained at the Ferndale Suboffice in the last 30, 90 and 365 days?
 - a. What was the average length of stay during each period?
 - b. What was the longest length of stay during each period?
3. How many total individuals were held at the Ferndale Suboffice in each of the following years: 2023, 2024 and 2025?
 - a. What was the average length of stay during each period?
 - b. What was the longest length of stay during each period?
4. Since ICE ERO began operating the Ferndale Suboffice, how many individuals have been held overnight in this facility?
5. Since ICE ERO began operating the Ferndale Suboffice, how many children have been detained at the facility?
6. What policy limits stays in this facility to 12 hours? Please identify the specific directive establishing this limit, including the date it was issued.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Larsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Larsen

U.S. Representative

Washington State, Second District