

Dear Friends,

July 4, 2026

On Friday night men in unit 4 reported that they were cool because GEO Group brought in portable air conditioners. (My previous email declared that the air conditioning was back on. That was incorrect.)

Today, GEO brought more men into the unit and the portable air conditioners were insufficient.

In addition, their families were forced to wait for long periods of time in the driveway before they were let in to visit.

Many visitors were turned away because GEO had not yet approved the visitor list for their loved one. Each person in detention must submit a list of up to eight relatives who can visit them. This is a new procedure implemented in June. The list must be approved by a supervisor. Many of the lists for people who were abducted this week have not been approved yet.

While we want legislators to get ICE to fix these issues for our neighbors in detention, we don't want them to lose sight of **the demand that our neighbors be returned to live in our communities with their families.**

Please continue to call your legislators

Script- Hello my name is [name]. I want to let you know that GEO Group has moved more men into the unit that has no air conditioning. In addition the visitors are still being forced to wait in the driveway. Lastly, I want to remind you that the recent hunger/labor strike was not about conditions. It was about freedom. Please get the air conditioning fixed and get the visitors out of the driveway and into the air conditioned gym. Then please continue working to free our neighbors.

NJ Numbers

Sen Cory Booker	202-224-3224	973-639-8700
Sen Andy Kim	202-224-4744	609-259-2450
Gov Mikie Sherrill	609-292-6000	
Rep Mclver	973-645-3213	202-225-3436
Rep Menendez	201-309-0301	202-225-7919
Rep Mejia	973-526-5668	202-225-5034
Rep Pou	973-523-5152	202-225-5751
Rep Watson Coleman	609-883-0026	202-225-5801
Rep Pallone	732-249-8892	202-225-4671
Rep Gottheimer	201-389-1100	202-225-4465
Rep Conaway	609-438-6290	202-225-4765

NY Numbers

Sen Schumer	212-486-4430	202-224-6542
Sen Gilibrand	202-224-4451	212-688-6262
Rep Lawler	845-743-7130	202-224-4451
Rep Jeffries	718-237-2211	202-225-5936
Rep Clarke	718-287-1142	202-225-6231
Rep Ocasio-Cortez	718-662-5970	202-225-3965
Rep Meng	718-358-6364	202-225-2601

Thank you in advance for continuing to call and for your patience and understanding as we try to provide accurate and timely information.

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"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." -St. Augustine