

A letter about Delaney Hall and request to call legislators.  
From Kathy O'Leary – Pax Christi , NJ and all supporters of Delaney Hall visitors  
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Dear Friends,

I am going to ask you to call your legislators again today because dangerous conditions persist despite their recent oversight efforts. These dangerous conditions include **air conditioning being out in parts of some of the units**. We are also hearing reports of overcrowding in multiple units and dangerous delays in providing health care.

We have been in regular contact with Senator Andy Kim's, Congresswoman Analilia Mejia's and Congressman Rob Menedez's offices. We have also been in touch with the Governor's office.

On Friday the Governor Sherrill's office announced [an investigation into civil rights abuses at Delaney Hall](#).

**Please thank them for their efforts and encourage them to do more.**

Right now NJ Democrats are merely [promising stricter oversight](#) with a long term goal of shutting down Delaney Hall. This is good, but we need bolder statements and broader action. We need them to **focus on freeing people** from detention now and then **shutting down all ICE detention facilities**- not just Delaney, not just the private for-profit prisons.

### **Script for Congressional offices-**

Hello my name is [name]. I am calling from [name of organization you affiliate with- if any]. I live in [municipality]. I am calling to thank you for your recent attention to Delaney Hall, but I want to encourage you to do more. Please work with your colleagues in NJ & NY to-

- pressure Geo to restore visitation,
- fix the water and air conditioning and
- provide notice to advocates about releases so they can make sure people have transportation

These are interim steps. Ultimately we want our neighbors to be free and we want you to close all ICE detention- not just Delaney Hall.

### **Phone numbers**

Sen Cory Booker 202-224-3224    NJ office - 973-639-8700  
Sen Andy Kim    202-224-4744    NJ office - 609-259-2450

Gov Mikie Sherrill 609-292-6000

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| Rep McIver         | 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 |

### **If you are from NY please call**

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| Sen Schumer       | 212-486-4430 | 202-224-6542 |
| Sen Giliibrand    | 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 |
| Rep Lattimer      | 718-530-7888 | 202-225-2464 |
| Rep Torres        | 718-503-9610 | 202-225-2261 |
| Rep Meeks         | 718-725-6000 | 202-225-3461 |
| Tom Suozzi        | 718-631-0400 | 202-225-3335 |

### **More about Conditions**

A review of data about ambulance calls to Delaney Hall shows that ambulance calls are up precipitously. Last fall Scripps News Service reported that there were 12 emergency calls over the period of two months. Recently a volunteer's OPRA request revealed more than double that number in just one month- from mid May to Mid June. This past **Thursday there were three ambulance calls** and on **Friday there were two**.

For one of the emergency calls on Friday, people inside the unit were desperately trying to get their unit-mate care because **they believed he was having a heart attack**. For the second ambulance call we have reason to believe the person was **suffering from a stroke**.

- The air conditioning that was completely out a few weeks ago was only partially restored. People inside report outages in some areas of multiple units. This includes the sleeping quarters for the women's unit.
- People in at least two units are enduring overcrowded conditions. One unit reportedly had as many as 20 men in a room that usually holds 12.
- Visitation was canceled on Thursday and delayed by at least three hours on Sunday. Families were given no notice of these changes.

- Only family members are allowed to visit. Many family members are being denied because they are reportedly not on a pre-approved list.
- The facility continues to release people in the middle of the night- sometimes after 1 am. People do not always have ID, cell phones, money, credit cards or transportation. At other facilities, including Geo facilities, someone will call advocates when releases are about to take place so they can send a volunteer.
- One of the units has no hot water, another has only scalding water.

Please feel free to forward this email to any lists that you have.

If you would like to donate to help free our neighbors from ICE detention you can give to [givebutter.com/DHFreeThemAll](https://givebutter.com/DHFreeThemAll) or to [Envision Freedom Fund](#).

Thank you for all of your efforts to help our neighbors as they struggle to free themselves.

Peace & blessings,

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To subscribe to updates regarding visitor support at Delaney Hall [follow this link](#)

*"We act justly not because we are intellectually convinced but because we are passionately moved. Compassion moves the will to justice."*  
-Fr. Bryan Massingale

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