

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510
November 16, 2018

Mr. Ronald D. Vitiello
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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Dear Acting Director Vitiello:

I am writing to remind you of the attached letter from 14 U.S. Senators dated October 22, 2018, which sought answers to important questions about whether ICE is complying with federal contracting and appropriations laws when spending taxpayer funds on immigration detention. That letter asked for substantive responses to these questions by November 15, 2018. I am disappointed that ICE has not yet replied.

The Constitution entrusts Congress with the responsibility to set federal agency funding levels and we are now debating your FY 2019 budget prior to the expiration of the continuing resolution on Dec. 7, 2018. Failure to respond to important and legitimate Congressional inquiries is unacceptable, so please provide these answers without any further delay.

We remain deeply concerned about ICE's failure to manage its spending and live within the agency's budget, which is set by Congress. Thank you for your prompt attention to these questions. We look forward to your answers and the documents requested by November 15, 2018.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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