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March 7, 2024

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Secretary Becerra,

We write today regarding the recent announcement that the Greensboro Influx Care Facility (ICF), formerly the American Hebrew Academy, will be operationalized effective March 15, 2024.¹ Our offices were notified late afternoon on Friday, March 1, 2024, despite repeated, outstanding requests for answers about plans for operationalizing the facility. We are frustrated by this sudden announcement and the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) lack of transparency to Congress and the State of North Carolina related to this issue.

Since HHS began discussions to contract an ICF in North Carolina, we, along with other congressional colleagues, have consistently conducted oversight regarding this facility. On multiple occasions, we have requested information regarding the Greensboro ICF, including inquiries into site selection, contracts, services, and plans to ensure the well-being of the unaccompanied minors. We similarly have inquired about the impacts on the local community and surrounding areas.

While we have continued to push for information about this facility, we have consistently faced significant delays in responses to our inquiries. Congressman Hudson and Senator Tillis have both submitted questions for the record (QFRs) concerning the Greensboro facility. Congressman Hudson submitted questions following your testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on July 26, 2023, and Senator Tillis submitted questions following Director Robin Dunn Marcos' testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 1, 2023. Yet, as of today, these offices have not received a response to any of these QFRs.

This delay and lack of transparency have left us with continued concerns about whether the facility is fit for operation. For example, your office has announced its plans to issue a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) on March 7, 2024, for the primary services contract for the

¹ <https://myfox8.com/news/north-carolina/greensboro/greensboro-immigrant-facility-set-to-be-operational-on-march-15-mayor-says/>

Greensboro ICF, with a final RFP expected in April 2024. We are very concerned to learn that you have decided to operationalize the Greensboro ICF while in the process of potentially changing who currently contracts for services at the facility.²

Since President Biden took office, there have been approximately **7.2 million encounters with illegal migrants along our southern border**.³ It is unacceptable that the Biden Administration's failed immigration policies have resulted in a humanitarian crisis for migrants and the need for an ICF at all. We are particularly concerned about the need for a facility 2,000 miles away from the border in North Carolina. It is time for President Biden to take action to secure our border and address the crisis of unaccompanied minor migration with real solutions.

Again, we ask you and the Department to respond swiftly to our delegation's QFRs, as well as provide greater detail of all current developments and future plans pertaining to the Greensboro ICF.

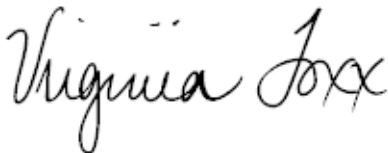
Sincerely,



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Senator Thom Tillis



Representative Virginia Foxx



Senator Ted Budd



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Representative Patrick McHenry

² *Direct Care, Supervision and Facilities Maintenance Services for Unaccompanied Children Greensboro Piedmont Academy, Influx Care Facility, Greensboro, NC, SAM.GOV,*
<https://sam.gov/opp/e1c0bdf72a3a4d57bd2816bea1ef1c58/view>

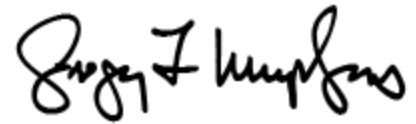
³ *Southwest Land Border Encounters*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>



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