## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–4321

October 1, 2020

Acting Director Tony Pham U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 500 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20536

Dear Acting Director Pham,

I am writing to request that your agency continue to keep my office apprised of any and all investigations and subsequent reports regarding the troubling accusations of medical neglect and alleged questionable rate of hysterectomies of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees housed at the Irwin County Detention Center (ICDC). I understand that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has opened an investigation following the recent whistleblower complaint<sup>1</sup> filed by a nurse at the ICDC. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives, and as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, I appreciate your agency's continued responsiveness and attention to this matter. I trust that the Inspector General will conduct a thorough investigation of the facts and I will await the conclusion of that process.

Sincerely,

Chip Roy Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Chairman Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://projectsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/OIG-ICDC-Complaint-1.pdf</u>