Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20528

The Honorable David Venturella
Acting Director
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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Dear Secretary Mullin and Acting Director Venturella,

As Members of Congress representing Texas, we write with serious concern regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) treatment of Miguel Parra Hernández during his medical recovery and call on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take immediate steps toward his release from ICE custody.

On October 10, 2026, an ICE agent struck Mr. Parra Hernández, a 48-year-old construction worker, with an unmarked vehicle while chasing him through a West Houston parking lot—severely injuring Mr. Parra Hernández and leaving him hospitalized with a broken leg with injuries to his hip and ankle. For more than 30 years, Parra Hernández has called Houston home. He has no criminal record and was not the intended target of ICE's operation, yet was severely injured and has remained under ICE custody during his recovery.

Mr. Parra Hernández was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital to undergo surgery on his leg and is currently recovering at a rehabilitation facility where he remains subject to constant supervision by ICE personnel. During this past month, ICE has repeatedly hindered and restricted Mr. Parra Hernández's access to his family members and lawyer. ICE personnel have restricted Mr. Parra Hernández's lawyer when trying to consult with Mr. Parra Hernández about the legal options available to him or to present legal documents to him, and have remained by his side since the incident—and even throughout his surgical procedure—raising concerns about the lack of confidentiality and patient privacy. ICE has hindered similar attempts from Mr. Parra Hernández's family members to see or speak with him, as well. Even food brought for him by his family has reportedly been rejected and discarded by ICE personnel. ICE has not allowed Mr. Parra Hernández to shower or shave during the duration of his recovery, contradictory to the agency's national detention standards, and ICE agents standing beside him react defensively whenever Mr. Parra Hernández tries to move or adjust himself in bed.

A Harris County grand jury recently indicted the ICE agent who struck Mr. Parra Hernández on second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault. Although the ICE agent responsible was

released on bond, Mr. Parra Hernández remains under constant surveillance by ICE personnel and has been confined to his recovery room. We are concerned about Mr. Parra Hernández's mental state. This treatment of a long-time community member is unacceptable and a violation of his constitutional rights.

We demand that the DHS give all due consideration of Mr. Parra Hernández's situation and take immediate steps to release Mr. Parra Hernández from ICE custody. We also demand that you restore rightful access to his lawyer and family members as the Constitution requires. We urge the Department's immediate attention to this matter and await your response.

Sincerely,

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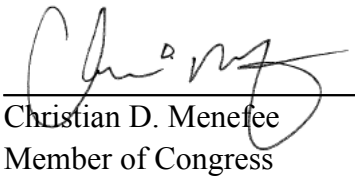
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