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Dear Ms. Allende

The Monmouth County Sheriff's Office is receipt of your letter, dated July 8, 2019, requesting information regarding the Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) (287(g) program).

Per your request we will provide you with the requested documents and data from our agency, along with the assistance of ICE officials, copied here, who will help compile information, by July 30, 2019.

As you are aware, the Memorandum of Agreement to extend the 287 (g) program, which is highly successful in the corrections division, went into effect on March 8, 2019, prior to the Attorney General directive and the receipt of your post facto memo, outlining guidelines on April 30, 2019.

The 287 (g) program has been in effect at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution since 2010. The program is only instituted at the correctional facility on incarcerated individuals, brought to the jail by local law enforcement agencies. The program is highly regarded and essential, particularly in light of bail reform, as these individuals are charged with serious crimes and pose a threat to the community. In the spirit of your objective for our collective communities the 287 (g) program is not meant to undermine community trust since, it is only implemented within the four walls of the correctional facility.

As your office may be aware, the Monmouth County Correctional Institution has not housed ICE inmates for six years.

We will provide all of the information you requested in your letter and expect ICE to do as well, and will await a response on August 6.

In addition, I'm hopeful the State of New Jersey and ICE can come to terms regarding this issue. Cooperation from the federal, state and local level is essential when protecting the public and ensuring that dangerous, undocumented immigrants are not released from jail in order to maintain the safety of our communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Shaun Golden,
Monmouth County Sheriff

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