

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 16, 2016

The Honorable Sally Q. Yates
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Deputy Attorney General Yates:

We write to express our support for the D. Ray James Correctional Facility (DRJ), located in Folkston, Georgia, and to urge you to honor the two-year contract extension with the GEO Group, the operator of the facility, that was granted on August 18, 2016 by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

The D. Ray James Correctional Facility houses criminal aliens who were convicted of federal crimes and are awaiting deportation. The GEO Group was awarded a four-year contract on October 1, 2010, and BOP has had three options to extend the contract for two years. Based on the strong performance of the GEO Group and the valuable role DRJ plays in the prison system, BOP extended the contract on the same terms from September 30, 2014 to September 30, 2016. On August 18, 2016, again on account of high performance, the GEO Group was formally notified by BOP that its contract had been extended for an additional two years. The following day, without explanation or factual basis, BOP rescinded the extension.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons evaluates DRJ annually through the Contract Performance Assessment Report (CPAR), and the most recent report, which covers the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, issued a "superior" rating. In addition, the American Correctional Association evaluated the facility in January 2016 and re-accredited it with a 100 percent compliance rating. The GEO Group has proven effective at managing and monitoring DRJ, ensuring it is a safe and secure environment for inmates. The facility also affords 472 people jobs and produces \$33 million in annual, direct local spending, with \$100 million in economic stimulus.

Again, we urge you and BOP to honor the two-year contract extension granted to the GEO Group on August 18, 2016. Maintaining the extension of the contract is important for the citizens of Georgia, for our immigration laws, and for U.S. taxpayers, who expect and deserve continued strong performance from facilities funded with their hard-earned money.


Sincerely,



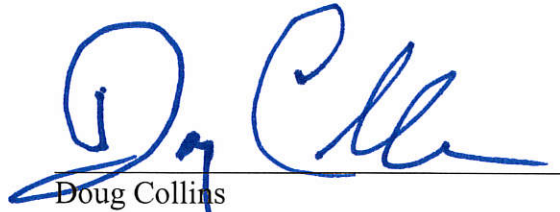
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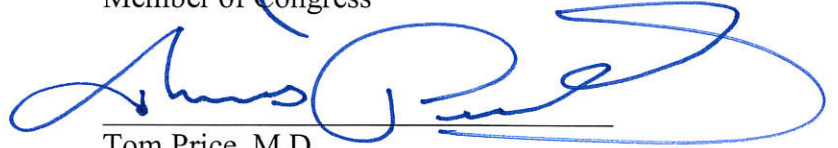
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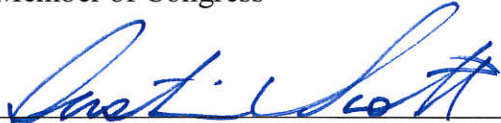
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