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Mr. Orestes Cruz
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630 Sansome Street, Room 590
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Dear Mr. Cruz,

As the United States Congresswoman for California's Seventh District, I am demanding that all areas being used by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) at the John Moss Federal Building, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814 be made available for my inspection in compliance with federal law. On Monday, August 18, 2025, I was deeply disturbed to learn from multiple Sacramento community organizations and leaders that several Sacramentans are being held overnight by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations in a basement of the John Moss Federal Building. Based on these reports, the conditions at this facility are not compliant with the 2025 National Detention Standards and are in contradiction with our nation's morals.

The John Moss Federal Building is not designed for detention and does not have the required facilities to ensure the rights and human dignity of my constituents are protected. The 2025 National Detention Standards require that all ICE detention facilities have the following:

- All holding rooms will be well ventilated, well-lit, and allow convenient visual checks.
- All holding rooms contain sufficient seating for maximum room capacity, with that capacity clearly listed.
- All holding rooms must be equipped to provide:
 - handwashing and potable water;
 - toilets with an appropriate amount of privacy;
 - a shift supervisor within sight and earshot of the holding cell to ensure detainees have access to toilet facilities.
- Facilities will comply with the applicable federal and state accessibility standards.

In addition to these standards, federal law requires that detainees only be held in holding cells for a maximum of 12 hours. The law also requires that minors, seniors, parents with children, and family groups cannot be held in group holding cells unless they have shown violent behavior, have violent criminal convictions or have attempted to escape. The John Moss Federal Building is not designed to detain individuals. Due to the Administration's unpatriotic disregard for human rights and dignity, it is vital that ICE provide the transparency required to ensure the agency is complying with federal law.

It is of the utmost urgency that this facility be made available to me, my staff, and other local elected officials. If no immediate response to this letter is received, I will appear without additional notice to the John Moss Federal Building to inspect all areas used by ICE as part of my constitutionally mandated oversight authority as Congresswoman of California's Seventh District.

I have always believed that America is a nation of immigrants. Here in Sacramento, the very fabric of our community is built on stories, traditions and challenges brought together from every corner of the world. I remain resolute in my commitment to fight for EVERY Sacramentan, no matter their immigration status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink that reads "Doris Matsui". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doris" and last name "Matsui" clearly distinguishable.

DORIS O. MATSUI
Member of Congress