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Congressional Oversight Visit to ICE Holding Facility in Baltimore

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Dear Neighbor,

Earlier today, I joined several members of Maryland's Congressional Delegation - including Senator Chris Van Hollen, Senator Angela Alsobrooks, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Congressman Johnny Olszewski, and Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth - for an official oversight visit of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) holding facility at the George H. Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore.

We were denied entry.

As your Representative, I take seriously my responsibility to ensure federal agencies - especially those tasked with enforcing immigration law - are operating transparently, lawfully, and humanely. This visit was part of our legal oversight authority to assess the treatment of detainees, inspect the facility, and, if necessary, speak directly to those being held there.

ICE's refusal to grant us access violates the law. Under the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-47), Members of Congress have an explicit right to conduct unannounced oversight visits to Department of Homeland Security detention facilities. No prior notice is required, and no agency has the authority to obstruct that legal responsibility.

What happened today is part of a disturbing pattern by Donald Trump and his administration to obstruct Congressional oversight and conceal the truth from the American people.

Transparency is not optional. I will continue fighting to ensure that agencies like ICE are held accountable and that the rights and dignity of every person - regardless of status - are protected.

Sincerely,



Rep. Glenn Ivey

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