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Via Electronic Mail

February 23, 2021

Mr. Lee Shirkey
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Chief, Detention Planning and Acquisition Unit
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Re: Letter of Support for White Paper Proposal for Additional Bed Space

Dear Mr. Shirkey,

Please allow this to serve as the undersigned key local stakeholders' letter of support for the White Paper Proposal for Additional Bed Space at the Berks County Residential Center. This letter is authored pursuant to the Stakeholder Review requirements of the proposal.

The stakeholders support the Berks County Residential Center Program remaining in operation and agree to modify the current Intergovernmental Support Agreement to include populations of low-level adult females and aging out females.

The stakeholders further support all other terms as outlined within the Proposal.

Sincerely,

Christian Y. Leinbach

Chair, Berks County Board of Commissioners

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