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Jeffrey,

Here are the high points from our call earlier today with Sen. Van Hollen's staffers. I included it on the EO tracker. Will you be taking action on the PLCY issue getback?

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We are requesting that ICE halt the deportation of Cameroonians, in particular those with Maryland ties and sponsors. We have received an additional list of individuals and privacy releases. (Please see attached.) Senator Van Hollen additionally respectfully requests the contact information (phone and email) for a Congressional liaison at the Dallas ICE Field Office.

As always, your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

With regards,

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Subject: URGENT | Regarding 11/10 ICE Flight to Cameroon
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Good evening ICE Congressional and Dallas Field Office:

I trust that this message finds you well.

My colleague (b)(6) and I are writing on behalf of several Maryland families who have contacted Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen regarding the imminent removal of their family members from the US. We have been advised of a November 10, 2020 flight intended to remove asylum-seekers with final orders of removal to Cameroon.

In addition to the family members of these individuals, our offices have received a flood of calls from community members, advocates, and others from around the country gravely concerned for those intended to be on this flight. As you may be aware, the unrest in Cameroon continues to escalate and become even more violent. Last weekend gunmen attacked a school and murdered several children.¹ Murders in Cameroon are occurring indiscriminately. All of those that were on the October 13, 2020 ICE flight Cameroon either now live in hiding in the bush for fear of their lives or have not been heard from since leaving the U.S.² We have been advised that those living in hiding in the bush were able to do so only after their families paid hefty bribes, and those that did not are being held in secret and tortured for applying for asylum in the U.S.

Given this, on October 28, 2020 Senators Van Hollen and Cardin, along with Senators Coons and Markey, sent a letter to DHS Acting Secretary Chad Wolf calling for the halt of deportations of individuals to Cameroon given the escalating violence and known threats within the country.³

Therefore, we respectfully request that ICE halt the deportation of any individual not convicted of a violent crime or felony to Cameroon until the violence has abated in that country. We have heard too often that these individuals would rather die than return to Cameroon. In fact, many of those scheduled to be removed on November 10 have family members in Cameroon who were killed by police and government military because they dared to seek refuge in the U.S.

In particular, we have heard from the families of the below individuals who respectfully request that ICE release them under supervision and that they be allowed to rejoin them in Maryland.

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We are aware of pending legal motions for at least two of the four listed above. (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6)

If there have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Your consideration of this request and timely response is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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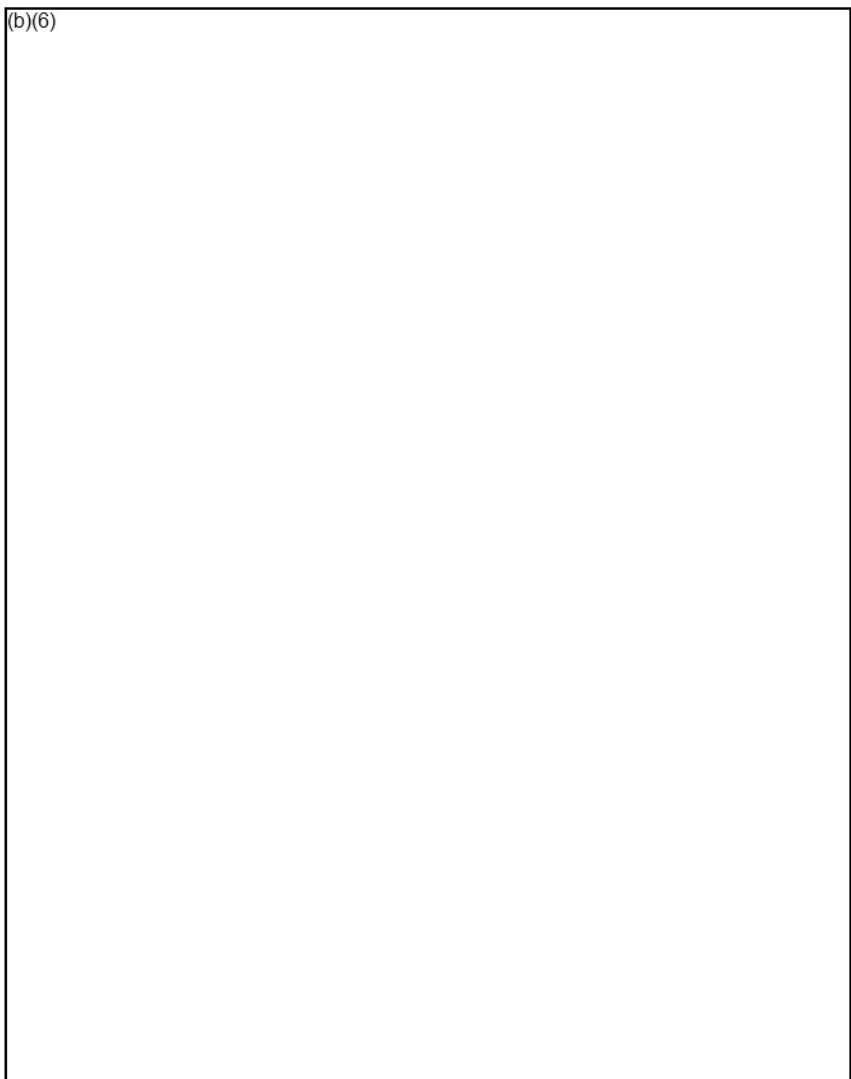
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Sean and Ricardo,

Greetings. Do you have a good handle on this and the Rep. Speier inquiry? Thanks.

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Good evening Sirs and Madams of DHS and ICE:

Thank you for your responses and assistance leading up to this message.

As you know, Senators Van Hollen has sent multiple inquiries to DHS and ICE authorities regarding the anticipated ICE deportation flight to Cameroon scheduled for this week. We have heard that the flight is now scheduled to leave tomorrow, 11/11/20 at 2pm. I write at this late hour to add more reports and concerns Senator Van Hollen's office has received within the late hours of today. I am copying colleagues from the offices of Senator Shaheen and Representatives Speier, Richmond, and Doggett who have also received these reports and are in communication with family members and advocates of those scheduled to be on the flight.

We have received reports of legal representatives learning of their client's transport to deportation staging areas *before* being notified by the BIA of decisions to their client's legal motions and before the attorney may have the opportunity to file an appeal to said decisions. Many of those represented are named as witnesses or primary parties to pending DHS OIG complaints and investigations. *All* those being removed face near certain physical and deathly harm.

Senator Van Hollen, his colleagues, and all advocating parties appeal to ICE and DHS to halt the deportation of these individuals both in the interest of upholding our nation's proud history of being a safe haven to those seeking to contribute to a society that provides its members with a better life, and a country that upholds its rule of law while also affording mercy its enforcement of these same laws.

ICE colleagues – we have more privacy release which we received from other detainees anticipated to be on tomorrow's flight. These detainees are listed below. Attaching all of the files to one email was not possible and I am happy to provide the rest in subsequent emails.

Again, your time and assistance in considering this urgent life-or-death matter for these men and women is valued more than any can express. We eagerly await your response.

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Regards,

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Subject: RE: W/ICE PRs | URGENT | Regarding 11/10 ICE Flight to Cameroon

Good morning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

I hope this message finds you well. I realize that not much time has passed, but given the urgency of the situation, I wanted to check in again to see if there might be any additional information regarding those for which we provided privacy releases?

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Apologies for my delay. Please see attached.

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Good afternoon (b)(6) We will look into these cases and loop back with you once we have the information.

I am not sure if you had sent the privacy waiver for (b)(6) on an earlier email but I didn't see it in any of the most recent attachments.

Thank you.

V/R,

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Many thanks for the quick follow up (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) nice to "meet" you and appreciate any information you are able to provide.

Attaching privacy releases for several detainees at Prairieland. We have been advised that at least four (listed below) have sponsors/relatives in Maryland and three of which have pending motions before the BIA.

1. (b)(6)
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Updates on these individuals is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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Hi (b)(6)

Appreciate the heads up. Please note that the authority for granting stays of removal has been delegated to our Field Office Directors. In addition, there is an established administrative process to request a stay of removal, which includes the alien (or his/her attorney) filing an Application for a Stay of Deportation of Removal (I-246) with the Enforcement and Removal Operations field office with jurisdiction over his/her case, paying a fee, and providing the documentation requested. The required form and instructions can be found here: <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/forms/i246.pdf>.

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If you have additional questions, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (cc'd) can assist. Thanks

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Since then, Senators Cardin and Van Hollen continue to be flooded with requests from family and advocates in Maryland and across the nation. We have also learned that the BIA Emergency Stay Unit was closed on Thursday and Friday, precluding the detainees and their legal representation from exercising their legal rights to protection while their legal cases await to be heard by the BIA.

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