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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on
Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security
2426 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Hearing on *Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons* (Feb. 3, 2022)

Dear Chairwoman Jackson Lee,

As requested, I have enclosed the following information for inclusion in the record at the February 3 hearing on the *Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons* before the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

The attachments include two different lists of the 281 people who we are able to identify, by name, as having died of COVID-19 in federal Bureau of Prisons and private facilities with federal contracts since March 2020. The first document includes information about whether these people had sought compassionate release before the federal courts at the time of their deaths. The second document includes brief snippets of who these people were, apart from their crime of conviction.

According to our tracking, as of January 31, 2022, at least 302 people have died from COVID-19 in the federal Bureau of Prisons or while in a private prison with a federal contract. This number includes the 284 people listed on the Bureau of Prisons website, and the 18 people whose names we learned through the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) process. This number does not include people who have died in Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities. Of note, there have been at least seven additional deaths since I testified before this Subcommittee on January 21, 2022, less than two weeks ago.

The reason we lack the names of all 302 people who we know have died is because the Bureau of Prisons has not made that information publicly available. Of those 281 people we can track, however, there have been at least 74 who filed motions for compassionate release with the federal courts; there is at least one person who was fully vaccinated (but this number is likely higher, as the BOP does not disclose this information); and there have been

at least 39 people the BOP considered “recovered” from a COVID infection at the time of death. Those people include:

1. William Andrew Davison
2. Chad Noziska
3. Jaime Benavides
4. Leonard Williams
5. Fernando Trujillo
6. Shauntae Hill
7. Harry Cunningham
8. Kevin Gayles
9. Carmelo Estrada
10. Christopher Carey
11. Barry Johnson
12. Ricky Lynn Miller
13. Marie Neba
14. Adrian Solarzano
15. Paul F. Archambault, Sr.
16. Revarado White
17. Larry Harris
18. Laura Ann Palpallatoc
19. Manuel Roach
20. Carlous Lindell Daily
21. Sherri Renee Hillman
22. Roy Curtis Berry
23. Gary Johnson
24. Ikaika Ryan Chung
25. Richard L. Blanchard Sr.
26. Armando Ramirez
27. Stacy Bonds
28. Johnny Walter Spragg
29. Robert Neal Hatchell
30. Tavoris Delancy
31. Elize Parker
32. Frank Locascio
33. Daniel Spear
34. Barney Paschal
35. Rowland Sudbeck
36. Lee Cormier
37. William Sylvia
38. Eldon A. Gresham, Jr.
39. James Myers

I appreciate your willingness to continue to lead on this important issue. Increased transparency and accountability in the Bureau of Prisons is truly a matter of life or death.

Sincerely,



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