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VIA: E-Mail

Re: Open Records Act Request, Folkston ICE Processing Center

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the ACLU of Georgia pursuant to Georgia's Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70, *et seq.* We hereby request any and all existing records in written, electronic, or another format related to contracts between Charlton County and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE), and between Charlton County and the GEO Group, Inc. that address COVID-19 vaccination requirements, and related to the provision of booster shots of vaccines against COVID-19 at the Folkston ICE Processing Center in Folkston, Georgia.

This request includes but is not limited to the following:

1. All contracts currently in force related to Folkston ICE Processing Center (including all modifications, rescissions, extensions, and addendums thereto), including any options or provisions that may incorporate requirements for staff vaccinations against COVID-19.
2. All policies, memoranda, postings, and other mass communications with staff at Folkston ICE Processing Center related to mandatory staff vaccinations against COVID-19 and/or testing for COVID-19.
3. Educational materials provided to people detained at Folkston ICE Processing Center or posted so as to be accessible to people incarcerated at Folkston ICE Processing Center containing information regarding vaccination against COVID-19.
4. Folkston ICE Processing Center's policies regarding the provision of booster shots of vaccinations against COVID-19 to people in its custody.
5. Spreadsheets, compilations, database printouts, or other similar documents that would allow the Requestor to determine (1) the total number of people currently housed at Folkston ICE Processing Center who have been offered an initial dose (or two-dose initial course) of a vaccine against COVID-19, (2) the total number of people currently housed at Folkston ICE Processing Center who have received an initial



dose (or two-dose initial course) of a vaccine against COVID-19, (3) the total number of people currently housed at Folkston ICE Processing

Center who have been offered a booster shot of a vaccination against COVID-19, and (4) the total number of people currently housed at Folkston ICE Processing Center who have received a booster shot of a vaccination against COVID-19.

For purposes of this request, the terms “records” and “documents” are intended to include, without limitation, any and all written, typed, printed, recorded, graphic computer-generated, or other matter of any kind from which information can be derived, whether produced, reproduced, or stored on paper, computer storage devices, electronic or any other medium. “Facility” refers to the Folkston ICE Processing Center.

I request that **electronic copies** of the requested information be provided. Payment for such copies will be made immediately upon provision of an invoice. Should expected production costs exceed \$50.00 please contact me for approval before incurring this expense.

Under the Open Records Act, your office has three business days from the date of this request to provide access to or copies of the records requested. O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71. Should you wish to raise any question as to whether the requested material is a public record subject to disclosure, you must notify me in writing within three business days of the basis for holding any such record exempt. *Id.*

Please contact me by phone at 770-789-5556 with any questions or concerns regarding my request. You may also reach me by email at NEwulonu@acluga.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nneka Ewulonu". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nneka Ewulonu
Staff Attorney
ACLU of Georgia