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The Honorable Donald Norcross
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Norcross:

Thank you for your July 28, 2025, letter to the Secretary of Defense, regarding potential use of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) to house undocumented immigrants.

On July 15, 2025, the Secretary of Defense certified that the provision of Department of Defense land at JBMDL, for temporary use by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to house illegal aliens will not negatively affect military training, operations, readiness, or other military requirements, including National Guard and Reserve readiness. DHS and U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will ensure that facilities at JBMDL meet the current ICE National Detention Standards for Non-Dedicated Facilities.

The Department greatly appreciates your support in strengthening the DoD's support to civil authorities, and we welcome the opportunity to brief you in person. A similar reply is being sent to the other signatories of your correspondent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "M. Roosevelt Ditlevson", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

M. Roosevelt Ditlevson
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