

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

August 19, 2026

George C. Zoley
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Dear George C. Zoley:

We write to express profound concern with the lack of transparency in response to public health and safety issues at the Denver Contract Detention Facility in Aurora, Colorado, operated by the GEO Group. Through consistent oversight visits and good-faith engagement with local facility personnel, our offices have worked to address prior public health and safety concerns at this facility. However, mounting bureaucratic hurdles threaten our ability to conduct oversight.

At the same time, the GEO Group is refusing to cooperate with the State of Colorado and Adams County, despite a long-standing history of cooperation between the facility and Colorado public health officials. Most recently, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Adams County Health Department (ACHD), and Denver Health have attempted to respond to a confirmed active tuberculosis case involving an individual at the facility after receiving a positive lab result on June 21, 2026. Despite repeated requests for additional information, state and local public health officials have been unable to independently verify that everyone potentially exposed was appropriately identified, tested, evaluated, and connected with necessary treatment or follow-up.

On June 25, 2026, ACHD issued a Public Health Order (PHO) to conduct a disease control investigation in response to the confirmed tuberculosis case. The PHO, in part, relies on longstanding state and local authority to “use every available means to investigate immediately and ascertain the existence of all reported or suspected cases of active tuberculosis.”¹ On August 13, 2026, CDPHE issued a PHO to direct the GEO Group to provide information to CDPHE and the Denver Health Tuberculosis Clinic needed for a public health investigation.² The deadline to submit information outlined in that order has now passed and the GEO Group declined to comply.

The refusal to cooperate fully with requests from ACHD, CDPHE, and Denver Health belies a history of cooperation in which the facility’s medical team has previously met regularly with

¹ C.R.S. § 25-4-506

² <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/press-release/state-issues-public-health-order-after-geo-group-refuses-standard-cooperation>

ACHD and Denver Health to share relevant epidemiological and medical information, and to coordinate access when needed, in order to investigate specific public health issues. This constructive cooperation is essential to ensuring the health and well-being of individuals held in detention at this facility. Public health officials need full transparency – not summary statements – to investigate because this threatens the safety of detained individuals, facility staff, and our surrounding community.

We demand the GEO Group comply with the PHOs issued by ACHD and CDPHE and encourage the resumption of cooperation with state and local officials so experts can address any public health risk at the facility in a timely manner. It is only by acting in concert, through rigorous and continuous oversight at the federal, state, and local level, that we can protect the health and well-being of detainees, facility personnel, and the broader community.

Sincerely,



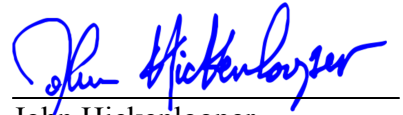
Jason Crow
Member of Congress



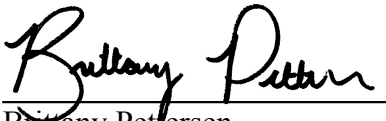
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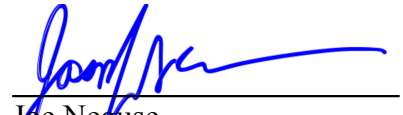
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