Matthew T. Albence, Acting Director Derek N. Benner, Acting Deputy Director Felicia Johnson, Contracting Officer's representative Benjamin Golway, Contracting Officer's representative Peter Meitzner, Contract Support to Custody Management Division U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement 500 12th St., SW Washington, D.C. 20536

CC: Julius Talton, CEO Robin Howell, Director of Client Services Talton Communications 910 Ravenwood Drive Selma, Alabama 36701

August 22, 2019

Dear Acting Director Albence,

We, the undersigned seven producers and actors of *Orange Is The New Black*, join the undersigned 121 local, state and national organizations to express concern regarding the termination of Freedom for Immigrants' National Immigration Detention Hotline, which has been operated by the nonprofit for the last six years.

We understand that the termination of Freedom for Immigrants' hotline comes just weeks after being featured in the popular Netflix show *Orange is the New Black*, and receiving massive attention to the organization's work documenting abusive and neglectful conditions at immigration detention centers.

The line's termination undermines trust and accountability of government institutions, dissuades public service by community organizations, and further isolates vulnerable detained individuals.

We demand that Freedom for Immigrants' hotline be restored to its original reach so that the organization can continue offering a free and confidential resource to detained individuals across the country.

Sincerely,

Tara Herrmann (Producer, Orange Is The New Black)

Vicci Martinez (Daddy, Orange Is The New Black)

Diane Guerrero (Maritza, Orange Is The New Black)

Emily Tarver (CO McCullough, Orange Is The New Black)

Alysia Reiner (Fig, Orange Is The New Black)

Laura Gómez (Blanca, Orange Is The New Black)

Beth Dover (Linda Ferguson, Orange Is The New Black)

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