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VIA EMAIL and U.S. PRIORITY MAIL

Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson
Bristol County Sheriff's Office
400 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

I understand from your recent public statements that you are disappointed that you were not interviewed as part of my office's investigation into the May 1 incident involving detainees housed in Unit B of the C. Carlos Carreiro Immigration Detention Center. While I fail to understand why you would *now* object to not being interviewed – when you knew about our investigation for months and never once reached out to provide information beyond that which we requested – my team is more than willing to speak with you or to receive any additional information about the incident you now wish to share.

As you know, I reached out to you on May 4 to discuss the May 1 incident and publicly announced my office's investigation the next day. Since then, my team has worked tirelessly and expeditiously to complete this investigation and remained in close contact with counsel for the Bristol County Sheriff's Office throughout this time. As part of this investigation, my staff interviewed thirteen BSCO staff members at all levels of rank, including the Superintendent of the facility, the Director of Medical Services, and the commanding officers of the Sheriff's Response Team and the Canine Division. Your counsel was aware that these were the interviews we planned to pursue and was indeed present during the interviews. Alongside these interviews and the numerous videos and documents your counsel provided, my team also considered your own descriptions of the incident as included in your incident report and your statements to the press. To the extent you wanted to speak with us or had additional information to share beyond these sources of evidence, your counsel was in regular communication with my team, and we would have gladly received any such information or spoken with you at your request.

That aside, my team remains glad to speak with you at your convenience if you have additional information that you now wish to provide. And, of course, we welcome the

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opportunity to speak with you about implementation of our recommendations, which we continue to believe are necessary to safeguard the detained population and BCSO staff alike. My team will be available for either purpose at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



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