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November 19, 2026

Marcos Charles
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Dear Mr. Charles:

I am writing to express concern and demand transparency regarding reports of forced voluntary departures at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field offices, including in Santa Ana, California. I have received reports of detainees being unlawfully forced to sign deportation documents, and in some instances ICE agents using physical force to compel detainees to sign the documents. Under no circumstance should individuals be coerced to sacrifice their constitutional rights.

In order to provide transparency and accountability, I respectfully request the number of voluntary departure forms signed at the Los Angeles ICE field office, listed per month and divided by each subfield office location, from January 2025 through November 2026. I also request a briefing on the agency's process for voluntary departures, including what safeguards are in place to ensure transparency and understanding by those signing these documents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

J. Luis Correa
Member of Congress