



THE GENERAL COURT OF  
**New Hampshire**

107 North Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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February 6, 2026

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
707 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Noem:

The Town of Merrimack (NH) has learned that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is in the planning stages of acquiring a warehouse facility on Robert Milligan Parkway here in Town with the prospects of converting it into an ICE detention center. While I support the enforcement of immigration law, I write to express my opposition to this acquisition and the proposed detention center in my community.

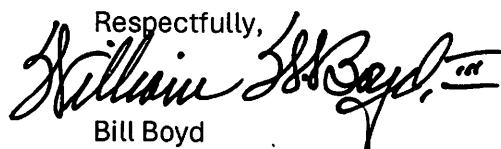
This site is currently positioned for logistics and industrial space to supply a constrained Greater Boston industrial market. It represents an opportunity for job creation, private investment, and long-term economic growth here in Merrimack and Hillsborough County. Quality economic development remains critical to Merrimack and the region. Companies like Fidelity Investments, BAE Systems, Getinge Corporation and the Merrimack Premium Outlets anchor this end of our town with meaningful growth and increased interest from employers seeking to locate or expand in this area. Preserving limited, development-ready industrial sites is essential to sustaining this growth. Converting this industrial asset into an ICE detention center stifles our economic growth and replaces it with an incompatible use that generates minimal economic returns or community benefits.

The proposed conversion raises significant feasibility and infrastructure challenges: transportation access, water, sewer and energy costs, staffing, medical care, and emergency services. While the proposed detention facility would have a 500-bed capacity, establishing a detention center at this site would place significant strain on our infrastructure, public safety and the local economy. BAE Systems abuts the proposed facility and remains a key driver of our local and regional economy.

Their control zones and ability to test their products unabated would be inconvenience by the activities at this facility.

Ultimately, my constituents have also voiced concerns regarding these same impacts this center would impose on Merrimack. An undertaking such as a detention center requires a vigorous public process that incorporates our community's concerns. Proceeding with this acquisition without adequately addressing these issues disregards community input.

I strongly urge ICE to reconsider this acquisition and the development of a detention center in Merrimack, NH. I look forward to your response and ask that you keep State and Town officials aware of this acquisition. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,  


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Hillsborough County, District 12 – Merrimack

cc: Mr. Todd M. Lyons Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, United States Senator for New Hampshire  
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