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The Honorable Senator Andy Kim

520 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Delaney Hall Visitors

Dear Senator Booker,

Last night I attended a meeting of Cooper River Indivisible's Immigration Committee. This chapter of Indivisible is one of the largest in the Philadelphia region with several committees working on a variety of projects to peacefully resist the Trump Regime. One of the committee's members was discussing her recent visit to Delaney Hall immigrant detention center in Newark, New Jersey. She was among dozens of visitors—family members including children, husbands, wives, and parents—who were there to visit members of their families who were detained. Many issues were discussed, including unnecessary difficulties imposed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

But the issue I'm writing about was the way these visitors were treated by Newark Police. Visitors were not allowed to park in the facility parking lot, so they had to park 100 feet away. Newark Police told them to move their cars and did so loudly and rudely. Many of these visitors traveled across multiple states to come to the detention center to visit with loved ones. Newark is a city governed by Democrats. The local police should be doing everything in their power to accommodate these family members who, themselves, are fearful of the future they face.

I am hopeful that you will look into this matter and that you will urge Mayor Baraka's office to coordinate with city police to do whatever they can to aid those visiting Delaney Hall, including allowing visitors to park near the detention center and treating them with the respect that they deserve.

Sincerely,

I. M. Angry