



“Let Our People Go” Call Campaign

Over the past month, people of faith and good conscience throughout the state have called on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (see below) to release some 100 asylum seekers detained in a federal prison in Sheridan, Oregon. This week we focus on another site in Oregon where ICE’s family separation and detention machine is at work: NORCOR - a four-county public jail in The Dalles, OR that has opted to balance its budget on the backs of immigrants by renting out beds to ICE. Read some of the stories from those detained in NORCOR [here](#).

Sample Script: Hi, my name is (your name) and I am calling from (faith community) in (city name) . We are a part of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, a coalition of 140 faith communities from around the state troubled by the fact that NORCOR is detaining immigrants for ICE. NORCOR contract with ICE is a matter of concern to our whole state. Many of the immigrants detained at your facility come from outside of the four counties that operate NORCOR and belong to our churches, synagogues, temples and mosques in neighborhoods and towns throughout the rest of the state.

You and your colleagues have the power to **get ICE out of NORCOR**. NORCOR is not equipped to hold immigrants in detention - and your contract with ICE is in direct violation of Oregon’s 30-year-old sanctuary law. As a matter of faith and good conscience, I am calling to ask you to cancel NORCOR’s contract with ICE and let our people go!

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“Let Our People Go” Call Campaign (Sheridan)

On July 31st, clergy leaders and IMIrJ supporters prayed and walked to the ICE office in SW Portland, where we personally delivered a [public letter](#) asking for the immediate release of the people detained in Sheridan. In addition, faith communities throughout the state participated in a massive calling campaign to the ICE offices. But the men in Sheridan are still detained. This week, we ask you to continue to mobilize your community to phone bank, email, and flood acting regional director of ICE Elizabeth Godfrey with [stories](#) of those detained and reiterate the demand to “Let Our People Go!”

Contact: Elizabeth Godfrey, *Acting Field Office Director, Immigration & Customs Enforcement*

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Sample Script: Hi, my name is (your name) and I am calling from (faith community) in (city name) . We are a part of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, a coalition of 140 faith communities from around the state concerned with what is happening with ICE in Sheridan. For the past two months, I have been tracking the situation at the Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution, where over 120 men seeking asylum have been detained. As of last week, many of the individuals detained are ready to be released after passing their credible fear interviews. You have the power to release them into the care of the community as their cases proceed in court. Sheridan FCI is not equipped to hold these individuals in detention as we’ve heard horrendous

stories of the conditions inside. As a matter of faith and good conscience, I am calling to ask you to release the men immediately and let our people go!

We are also asking members of our congressional delegation who have visited Sheridan FCI to use their power to put pressure on ICE.

Contact: Senator Jeff Merkley, (202) 224-3753

Contact: Senator Ron Wyden, (202) 224-5244

Contact: Rep. Earl Blumenauer, (503) 231-2300

Contact: Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, (503) 469-6010

Sample Script: Hi, my name is (your name) and I am calling from (faith community) in (city name) . We are a part of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, a coalition of 140 faith communities from around the state concerned with what is happening with ICE in Sheridan. I am calling to thank (the senator/representative) for their leadership and to ask them to help us put pressure on acting field office director Elizabeth Godfrey and ICE to release the individuals detained into the care of the community while their asylum cases proceed in court. I know that the (senator/representative) has seen the abysmal conditions and unfortunate situation at the Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution. Now that most of the men have passed their credible fear interviews, ICE has discretion to release them. Will you help us get them released?