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Inspector General Cuffari,

Thank you for your commitment to transparency and accountability at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is of the utmost importance that the American public can trust their federal government to behave ethically.

On September 14, a whistleblower complaint was filed with your office from a licensed nurse serving at the Irwin County, GA Detention Center run by DHS' Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE). The whistleblower's complaint alleges unsafe medical practices at this facility, such as lack of testing for COVID-19 and not separating healthy detainees from potentially COVID-19 positive detainees. If true, this puts both DHS employees and migrants at-risk of contracting COVID-19.

Perhaps most troubling, however, is the accusation of medical staff performing forced or unwanted hysterectomies on migrant women. This allegation is a serious human rights violation by DHS medical employees and our federal government must stop these cruel individuals from preying on vulnerable migrants.

I strongly urge you to complete a thorough investigation of the misconduct alleged by this whistleblower from the ICE facility in Irwin County, GA. Federal government employees are given the public's trust to serve the best interests of our country, but they must be removed if they willingly abuse their position in our government. I look forward to reviewing the findings of your investigation.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett  
Member of Congress