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GLWA CEO and Board -

I am concerned that DHS is buying up warehouses all over the country. This is a moral and logistical rats' nest. Still, we are seeing what is in store for the City of Romulus and its residents play out in the town of Social Circle, GA. Where a warehouse is being proposed as an ICE Detention Center. If allowed to open, it risks its residents of swimming in sewage water overflow. You can see for yourself at 14min 54sec in the linked article below.

<https://www.ms.now/news/ice-detention-facility-town-politics>

From the article linked below: "We came here with the intent of being in our retirement home, the place where we can raise our children," said Hutcheson, standing beside the 2-acre pond on his land, which is partially filled with sediment from the construction of the warehouse that DHS now owns."

I understand you received a letter from the Coalition to Shut the Camps (CSC) requesting public hearings and transparency before proceeding with permit approval for the proposed Romulus warehouse ICE detention center to connect the water and sewer systems. I also understand CSC hasn't received a response from you confirming that you will honor those requests. As a reminder, YOU have a responsibility to the community YOU serve. It appears that you are breaching that responsibility. Why? Is it out of fear? Fealty? Incompetence? Maybe it's none of those things, maybe it's just an oversight. If so, you can easily correct this with a response and immediately conduct public hearings to receive comments before you allow the same thing that is happening to Social Circle, Georgia, to play out in Romulus, Michigan, and your neighbors.

I look forward to your response. CSC and its 30+ organizations that stand with our coalition expect this topic to take a prominent place in your Board Meeting agenda tomorrow.

Thank you,

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The Coalition to Shut the Camps