

FROM DELANEY HALL TO EVERYWHERE: FREE THEM NOW

AN ACTION TOOLKIT

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300+

DETAINEES ON STRIKE AT DELANEY HALL

49+

DEATHS IN ICE CUSTODY SINCE JAN 2025

60,000+

PEOPLE IN ICE DETENTION AS OF APRIL 2026

Why

The Hunger Strike began May 22nd, 2026. The people inside Delaney Hall are calling out to us. Their hunger strike is a last resort — an act of desperation by people who have exhausted every other avenue. Our task, outside the fence, is to answer their call.

We ask one thing of every official, every guard, every contractor, and every passerby: **no to torture, let those inside go free.**

What is happening inside these walls is wrong.

Maggots in food. Cancer untreated. People beaten for asking for their medication. Sewage backing into

Their Demands

The people detained at Delaney Hall have organized a hunger strike and issued clear demands:

1. **Immediate release of all detainees** — especially elderly, ill, and those with no criminal record
2. **End to medical neglect** — real care, not just Tylenol; treat cancer, pregnancy, chronic illness
3. **Edible, adequate food** — no maggot-ridden, spoiled, or insufficient meals

sleeping areas. Detainees pressured to sign deportation papers they don't understand.

We condemn it, without reservation, in the strongest possible terms.

The detainees have spoken. They have organized. They have named their demands. They are risking their health and safety to be heard. **The least we can do is show up outside — and refuse to leave until the world is forced to listen.**

4. **End to retaliation against hunger strikers and those who speak out**

5. **End to coerced deportation paperwork** — stop pressuring detainees to self-deport under duress

6. **Full independent investigation of Delaney Hall and all GEO Group facilities**

7. **Closure of Delaney Hall** — which opened without proper city permits or inspections

It's not enough to *care*.

We have a moral call from people inside these detention/*concentration camps* — asking for our *action*.

Delaney Hall is one facility. There are 270 more.

The people inside all of them are watching what we do next.

Show up. Wherever you are.

Action Options

Call Your Member of Congress to Visit Delaney Hall and Defund ICE!

Members of Congress have the right to conduct oversight visits at ICE facilities. These visits help to continue to shine a spotlight on what immigrant detainees are facing and to keep their hunger strike in the public eye. More than a dozen members of Congress have exercised that right at Delaney Hall. And we need more! **And as we speak, Congress is getting ready to give ICE another \$70 Billion to harm our communities.** Call on your member of Congress today to defund ICE and stand with Delaney Families! **Click here for the Call to Action: [Tell Congress: Defund ICE and Show Up for Immigrants at Delaney Hall!](#)**

At The Corporations Driving ICE and Financing The Cages

Palantir Technologies provides the surveillance technology that ICE uses to track, hunt, abduct and disappear immigrants – and sometimes even U.S. citizens. Palantir is the backbone of ICE’s infrastructure.

Call on your member of Congress to stop taking donations from Palantir technologies. And call on the state of New Jersey to divest hundreds of millions of dollars in pension funds from Palantir!

Click here to take action:

[The Palantir Payroll](#) : tell your member of Congress to cut ties with Palantir!

Call Governor Mikie Sherrill of New Jersey and tell her to divest from Palantir and ICE contractors now! [NJ Must Divest from ICE Contractors!](#)

GEO Group, which operates Delaney Hall, does not operate in a vacuum. It depends on financing, investors, and contractors to keep these facilities running. The money enabling the torture at Delaney Hall has a paper trail — and companies on that trail are reachable.

Detention Watch Network has guides for researching your local facility's contract, operator, and financing:

detentionwatchnetwork.org/take-action/organize-advocate.

nj.com
True Jersey.

OPINION

N.J. filmmaker: We watched ICE agents brutalize protesters at Delaney Hall — then we closed our accounts at this bank.

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An excellent article explaining why folks pulled their money from Citizens Bank

Citizens Bank is the lead lender to GEO Group (and other concentration camps). Citizens Bank has helped CoreCivic and GEO Group access more than \$2.5 billion in financing over the past dozen years, through loans, bond underwriting, and credit lines. Contrast with *JPMorgan Chase* and *Citibank* who stopped funding private-prison operators after activist pressure. Citizens Bank did not sign that agreement — and moved to fill the financial gap.

The **De-ICE Citizens Bank Coalition** (de-icecitizensbank.org) has been organizing protests at Citizens branches with coordinated actions at more than 70 branches in January and March. The Greater Boston Interfaith Organization pledged to withdraw \$1 million from its Citizens accounts after the bank's CEO refused to meet with them. You can join that campaign — find a branch near you and show up.

Action ideas at corporate targets:

- Stand outside a Citizens Bank branch with signs: *"Citizens Bank Funds Torture" / "\$2.5 Billion for Delaney Hall"*
- Bring a copy of the detainees' demands and demand to talk with a manager — record this conversation!
- Coordinate with the De-ICE Citizens Bank Coalition for existing actions:
de-icecitizensbank.org
- If you have accounts at Citizens, consider moving them — and saying so publicly
- Contact GEO Group's institutional investors directly; some have shareholder meetings where this can be raised

Outside Your Local Concentration Camp

Every action below takes place outside the fence. Our presence, our witness, and our solidarity are what those inside are asking for.

Find your local concentration camp: freedomforimmigrants.org/map — interactive map of all ~270 facilities with organizer contacts

Prayer Vigil / Candle Vigil

Gather outside a concentration camp at dusk or dawn. Read the names of those who have died in ICE custody. Hold candles. Sing. Pray. Make your presence undeniable.

- Coordinate with local faith communities and immigrant rights orgs
- Live-stream to amplify the voices of detainees calling out by phone
- Bring photos and names — make the invisible visible
- Follow faith groups lead with the symbolism they are showing, there will be visuals to share soon.

Medical Supply Delivery Attempt

Publicly try to deliver medical supplies — bandages, medications, vitamins — to the facility. Make the intent clear. If you are refused entry, document it. You could stay at that location, like a sit-in, demanding entry for the supplies. The act is the message.

- Prepare a box of labeled supplies with a letter citing specific unmet medical needs
- Bring media — the refusal to accept basic care is the story



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At The Warehouse Before it Opens

Wherever a warehouse is proposed, hold actions as mentioned above before they open.

Deliver food to the empty building. Set up a free medical table.

ICE's "Detention Reengineering Initiative" plans to convert industrial warehouses into mega-concentration camps holding up to 9,500 persons each.

Finding proposed concentration camps: indivisible.org/campaigns/dismantling-detention has information on this initiative, with links to Project Salt Box's [ICE Warehouse Tracker](#). Another google map offers [proposed concentration camps](#). You should verify those maps.

Additional Resources

A Note on Terminology: Why "Torture"

Multiple congressional members, ACLU attorneys, and detainees themselves have used the word "torture" to describe conditions at Delaney Hall and other ICE facilities. Under international law (Convention Against Torture), torture includes the infliction of severe suffering — physical or mental — by state agents, including through deliberate medical neglect, denial of food, and coercion to sign documents under duress.

The Trump DHS frames these conditions as "appropriate care" and dismisses congressional testimony as political posturing. The media has been largely cautious about using the word "torture." This toolkit uses the word because detainees use it, legislators who witnessed conditions use it, and the evidentiary record supports it. Naming it accurately is the first act of accountability.

Roles, Tactics, & Supplies

- Here is a draft list of **roles** that might be helpful if you are planning an action outside of a concentration camp:
 - Welcome team. *This group welcomes new people as they arrive at the action and gets them oriented to what is happening on the ground and how they can plug in*

- Emcee. *This person is on a megaphone and is queuing up speakers, songs, chants, and sharing with participants what is happening throughout the protest*
- Legal support. *This team is composed of lawyers, police liaisons.*
- Safety team. *These are your marshals and your police liaison. Their job is to inform the group of risks associated with different actions and keep folks as safe from agitators as possible.*
- Medics. *These folks will carry masks, water, and many other supplies.*
- Here is a draft list of additional **tactics** one could deploy outside a concentration camp:
 - Chalk your message on the ground around the camp
 - Phonebank or write letters to elected officials who have control over the camp
 - Take “Direct to Camera” videos of yourself (look right at the camera and speak to it with the camp in the background) to talk about what you are seeing and why you are taking action and post it online
 - String up banners and signs to fences around the camp to create a community space
 - Teach songs and chants to group participants to create group unity
- Here is a draft list of **supplies** for sustained on the ground presence outside of a camp:
 - Water
 - Food (*you can ask local businesses to donate!*)
 - Phone battery packs
 - Chairs
 - Mega phone and/or microphone and amp
 - Large speaker for music
 - Banners and signs
 - Musical instruments, whistles and noisemakers (*take up space with the amount of noise you make!*)
 - Earplugs
 - N95/KN95 masks (*both for identity protection and chemical irritant protection*)

Donate to Support On The Ground

Donate to support a bond fund to help detainees win their release: [**BOND FUND - First Friends of New Jersey and New York**](#)

Find your Local Concentration Camp

[**Freedom for Immigrants**](#) — Best overall map: 270 facilities, legal resources, organizer contacts

[**Syracuse TRAC**](#) — Real-time detention stats, bed counts, length of stay

[**Indivisible / Project Salt Box**](#) — Warehouse expansion map, updated April 2026

[**NILC — Locating a detained loved one**](#) — Step-by-step PDF guide

Organize With

Detention Watch Network — National network + toolkit on warehouse expansion + Communities Not Cages campaign — detentionwatchnetwork.org

Freedom for Immigrants — Interactive detention map, visitation network, hotline for people inside — freedomforimmigrants.org

Freedom Trainers — Find more resources like this toolkit at: freedomtrainers.net

Faith in Action (formerly known as the PICO National Network) is the largest grassroots, multi-faith community organizing network in the United States — faithinaction.org

Make the Road NJ — builds power of immigrant, working-class and Latinx communities through community organizing and action — maketheroadnj.org

National Trackers on ICE Deaths, Lawsuits & Expansion

[AILA Death Tracker](#) — Rolling database of all ICE in-custody deaths, continuously updated

[CNN Investigation](#) — 2025 deadliest year in two decades; medical staffing failures

[ACLU — Camp East Montana lawsuit](#) — 49 violations, 3 deaths, guards betting on who dies next

[ABC7 — Adelanto lawsuit](#) — GEO Group sued for same abuses in California facility

The Warehouse Plan

[American Immigration Council](#) — The Detention Reengineering Initiative explained

[Courier Newsroom / Boing Boing](#) — Live map of 23 proposed warehouse sites

[NPR](#) — How communities are fighting back against proposed sites

History of The Hunger Strike

[Newsweek](#) — Why Delaney Hall detainees are on hunger strike; timeline and demands

[Jersey Vindicator](#) — Detainee letters describing conditions; GEO Group's failures

[NBC New York / WHYY](#) — Congressional testimony: maggots, no medical care, cancer untreated

Other Related Toolkits

[Detention Watch Network — Warehouse toolkit](#) — Toolkit for local and state interventions against ICE expansion

[Detention Watch Network — Communities Not Cages](#) — Organizing toolkit

[Detention Watch Network — Banking on Detention](#) — How ICE contracts and financing drive detention expansion (2016)

[De-ICE Citizens Bank Coalition](#) — Campaign to cut Citizens Bank's financing of GEO Group and CoreCivic

**“We are not striking to demand better treatment.
We are doing this to demand freedom.”
— *Delaney Hall Detainees, May 2026***

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