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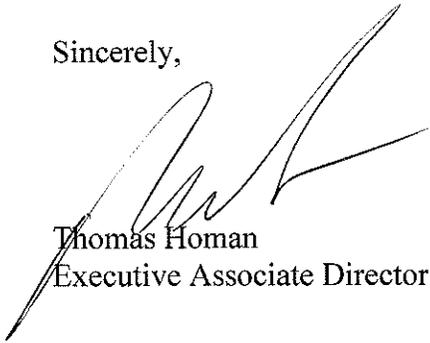
Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Thank you for your October 17, 2013 letter to John R. Sandweg, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), regarding arrests that ICE officers and agents conducted on courthouse grounds in Kern County, California.

Please be aware that as part of its commitment to the integrity of the immigration system and to sensible, effective immigration enforcement that focuses limited resources on individuals who pose the greatest risk to public safety, national security, and border security, the ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) recently reviewed its standard operating procedures for the Kern County Superior Courthouse (KCSC). Accordingly, at this time, ERO has decided to refrain from taking enforcement actions at the KCSC, except in exigent circumstances. Regarding the specific cases cited in your letter, we cannot comment directly without a signed privacy waiver from each of the individuals discussed.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. Should you continue to have case-specific concerns regarding any immigration enforcement action, please contact ERO Custody Programs and Community Outreach at (202) 732-4262.

Sincerely,



Thomas Homan
Executive Associate Director