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**ENVISION FREEDOM FUND DEMANDS ICE, DHS & BIDEN ADMINISTRATION
RELEASE DOZENS OF IMMIGRANTS COVERTLY TRANSFERRED FROM NEW
YORK TO MISSISSIPPI**

New York, NY— For months, advocates and immigrants detained at New York State’s Orange County Correctional Facility have been sounding the alarm about the facility’s lack of medical care, poor conditions, retaliatory behavior by staff, and other inhumane treatment.

Suddenly—and without proper notification to families and attorneys—close to 70 people detained at OCCF were transferred covertly across state lines on Monday, July 25, with many ending up at the Adams County Correctional Facility in Mississippi. ICE’s lack of transparency and purposeful obstruction of information has left families, legal teams and even the immigrants involved, unaware of where they are headed.

The trauma of detention and family separation is compounded when people are transferred far away from their support systems without even the opportunity to petition for release. These transfers are one of the many ways that ICE—operating under the authority of the Biden administration and the Department of Homeland Security—exerts its power over immigrants who are already in vulnerable situations that compromise their ability to fight their cases.

While these unacceptable transfers cannot be undone, repair can be made. Envision Freedom Fund demands the following:

- For ICE and Orange County Correctional Facility to immediately release all transferred people to their communities. At a minimum, those who have already been transferred should return to the jurisdiction that most benefits their pending immigration case.
- An immediate halt to all ICE transfers in progress or future transfers from OCCF.
- ICE must share the location of those who have been transferred with their advocates and loved ones immediately. They must create and facilitate a swift process for attorneys to file release requests on behalf of those they represent.

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On Friday, July 29, we will join other advocates, family members and community members at 11am in Foley Square to put forward these demands and hold ICE and the administration accountable for their actions.

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***Envision Freedom Fund (formerly Brooklyn Community Bail Fund)** works alongside impacted communities to dismantle the oppressive and interconnected criminal legal and immigration systems. With freedom as our guiding principle, we invest in innovative campaigns and programs that aim to win long-term, transformative change, while meeting the urgent needs of community members in the present.*