



**Ricardo Samaniego**  
**El Paso County Judge**

March 10, 2025

Mr. Brandon Wood, Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Jail Standards  
P.O. Box 12985  
Austin, TX 78711

Executive Director Wood,

Due to Operation Lone Star and the number of inmates that are expected to be arrested and booked at the El Paso County Jail, we will need to utilize repurposed Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities approved for temporary housing. These temporary facilities will be utilized to house inmates arrested in conjunction with Operation Lone Star.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of our request. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar Ugarte  
El Paso County Sheriff

Ricardo A. Samaniego  
El Paso County Judge