



## ALBEMARLE-CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL JAIL

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Colonel Martin Kumer  
Superintendent

Patrick Divver

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Assisitant Field Officer Director  
March 21, 2019

Dear Mr. Divver,

Thank you for the February 22, 2019 letter offering a “behind the scenes” tour of ICE’s operations to members of the Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ) Authority. Your letter offering to host briefings or separate visits for any or all the ACRJ Board members was received on March 5, 2019 and shared with the Board members electronically on March 6, 2019. Additionally, the ACRJ met on March 14, 2019. While I thank you for once again reaching out, to date, none of the ACRJ Authority members have inquired about setting up a visit. However, an individual Board member could certainly have contacted you without my knowledge.

The ACRJ Board member’s highest priority is the safety of our community and we are committed to working with ICE and to accomplish the goal of making sure the very few incarcerated bad actors are not released into our community. ICE is aware of the presence of every ACRJ inmate as soon as they are admitted though the fingerprinting intake process and has an opportunity to determine the public safety risk of every undocumented individual. The ACRJ Board is also charged with using tax payer dollars in the most efficient and effective way while applying equity in the treatment of all incarcerated individuals, whether a citizen, a foreign national or an undocumented inmate.

As we have seen in all aspects of our lives, technology advances offer new opportunities. That is the case with the VineLink system, provided by the General Assembly for the Victims Witness Program and sited in state code as an acceptable option for notification. This software application is an example of how technology can be used to accomplish several objectives, thus providing a less staff intensive work option. Because of our discussion in 2018 and input from the local Commonwealth’s Attorneys and ICE agents we discovered VineLink was not working properly, regardless of the user’s intent. Our VineLink partners have worked to correct the glitches in the software system and we are now testing to assure its accuracy. Once we are confident the system is working correctly, Superintendent Martin Kumer will reach out to the 3 local Commonwealth’s Attorneys and to you to discuss your opportunity to test the program and provide feedback.



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Please note that the secondary notification, the voluntary ACRJ staff telephone calls, to ICE regarding the release dates of incarcerated individuals, while current practice, is not an ACRJ policy as your letter states.

Thank you for your continued outreach. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Diantha McKeel*

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ACRJ Authority Chair  
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors