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ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 14, 2024

Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Attention: Sheriff Ruben Marté
301 North College Avenue
Bloomington, IN 47404

Re: Monroe County Correctional Center Detainer Directive

Dear Sheriff Marté:

My office has reviewed the Monroe County Correctional Center Operation's Directive regarding "Ice Immigration Detainers." (Effective 03/11/2014; Reviewed 12/14/2018). Today, following the passage of [SEA 181](#), I write to (1) inquire whether this directive is still in effect; (2) demand that the Monroe County Sheriff's Office rescind it if it remains in effect; and (3) inform the Monroe County Sheriff's Office of the legal consequences of failing to rescind this directive.

Please respond in writing to this letter by June 14, 2024, to let my office know whether the directive is currently in effect. If it has been rescinded, please attach to your response the document giving effect to its rescission.

If it has not been rescinded, you must do so on or before July 1, 2024. I.C. §§ 5-2-18.2-3 and 4 prohibit a government body, including the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, from establishing a rule or policy that would prohibit any employee or official from communicating or cooperating with federal officials as to information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of an individual—or restricting the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted under federal law. The detainer directive violates Chapter 18.2. Therefore, I respectfully demand that your office rescind it.

After July 1, 2024, if I, as Indiana's Attorney General, determine that probable cause exists that the Monroe County Sheriff's Office has a rule or policy in place that violates chapter 18.2, I will be statutorily required to bring an action to compel your office to comply with such chapter. See [SEA 181](#) (effective July 1, 2024). Unless the detainer directive has been rescinded on or before July 1, 2024, probable cause

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will exist to bring an action against the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to compel its compliance with Indiana law—and I will do so.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Rokita". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "T".

Todd Rokita
Indiana Attorney General