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Honorable Richard Cortez  
Hidalgo County Judge  
100 E. Cano, Second Floor  
Edinburg, Texas 78539

***Re: Renewal of Contract #E-19-091-05-07, Brooks County Detention Center,  
(Original Contract # C-15-098-06-02) and Request for Per Diem Increase***

Dear Judge Cortez:

On behalf of the men and women of The GEO Group, Inc. I hope this letter finds you and your entire staff and families staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time and national health pandemic.

We are in receipt of your requested contract extension which exercises one of the option years in our current contract. As you may be aware, the per diem rate of \$54.00 per inmate has remained unchanged since 2015. The cost of materials and services has steadily increased during this period. GEO is requesting a \$5.00 per inmate, per day increase to a proposed daily rate of \$59.00. This amount was derived by applying a standard cost of living rate (CPI) of 2% for each of the past five years.

All other terms and conditions of our current contract would remain unchanged. As has been our practice, GEO will continue to provide transportation services from Hidalgo County to the Brooks County Detention Center at no additional cost. We are requesting the new per diem rate become effective at the start of the contract option period beginning June 17, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. GEO is committed to continuing the excellent working relationship we enjoy with the professionals in Hidalgo County. Please feel free to contact me directly on (561) 999-7359 or by email at [amartin@geogroup.com](mailto:amartin@geogroup.com) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**The GEO Group Inc.**



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