

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 3, 2020

The Honorable Thomas M. Hodgson
Sheriff of Bristol County
Bristol County Sheriff's Office
400 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

We are alarmed by reports of the events of Friday, May 1, in Unit B of the Bristol County House of Correction's C. Carlos Carreiro Immigration Detention Center.¹ There are conflicting accounts about what occurred, and we believe that there must be a full, independent investigation by an external entity. To ensure that that such an investigation can occur, we request that you preserve video recordings taken in Unit B that relate to Friday's events.

We also write to urge you to allow persons detained at your facility to speak with their attorneys immediately. This includes any detained individuals who were taken to a hospital after Friday's events. Their attorneys must be permitted to confidentially speak with their clients and check in on their clients' health and wellbeing.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with efforts to ensure there is full transparency about Friday's events.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator

/s/
William Keating
Member of Congress


Joseph P. Kennedy, III
Member of Congress

¹ See, e.g., CommonWealth, "Bristol County immigration detention unit melts down," Sarah Betancourt, May 1, 2020, <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/health/bristol-county-immigration-detention-unit-melts-down/>.