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Jennifer Miller  
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Energy, and Environment  
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Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Miller,

I am writing to express my support for expanding access to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE).

As you know, the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector is experiencing record levels of migrant apprehensions. Local, state, and federal entities in the region are thus severely limited in their detainment and processing capabilities. As a result, substantial numbers of migrants, pending trial, are being released into communities in my district, overwhelming local resources and creating unsustainable bottlenecks.

To help alleviate the high traffic this region is enduring, I urge you to collaborate with ICE to facilitate flights for migrants out of Laughlin Air Force Base and to their final destinations. The current crisis on the border requires law enforcement agencies to be adaptable in their operations and work with counterparts to effectively manage federal resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact my office if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Gonzales".

Tony Gonzales  
Member of Congress