



STATE OF FLORIDA

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ATTORNEY GENERAL**

July 24, 2025

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

I understand your chief immigration counsel reached out to my office and requested—or demanded—answers to 18 questions about Florida’s new illegal alien detention facility, Alligator Alcatraz. You further asked that my office respond in writing to your 18 questions by July 25, 2025.

We will not be answering your questions, by that or any other date.

As a practical matter, operational control of Alligator Alcatraz lies outside the Office of Attorney General. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has been quite transparent and provides regular facility updates, and I encourage you to look for those.

Alligator Alcatraz was and is necessary to help solve the illegal immigration crisis created and championed by the Democrat Party and its leaders—like former President Joe Biden, former Vice President Kamala Harris, and you, sir. The crisis has ravaged American communities, pillaged precious taxpayer resources, diminished American citizens’ representation in government, and damaged the national security by introducing thousands—perhaps millions—of terrorists, gang members, and fentanyl and human traffickers into the country. The Democrat Party’s mismanagement of the Border was a grave, intentional dereliction of duty.

Thankfully, we now have a President in Donald Trump who has proven he means to “take care” that our Nation’s immigration laws are diligently executed. Your Party, out of touch and out of power, is returning to its old tricks—distorting media narratives, lying about conditions in immigration facilities, and deploying toxic empathy in an attempt to thwart the President’s efforts to arrest, detain, and deport dangerous illegal aliens from our shores.

If only you cared as much about the plight of Americans suffering due to the illegal immigration crisis Democrats perpetrated.

Florida won't play along with your dishonest games. State law requires all Florida government officials—state and local—to “use best efforts to support the enforcement of federal immigration law.” Section 908.104(1), Florida Statutes. Florida leads the Nation in 287(g) agreements with ICE, and we're proud of it. Plus, experience teaches us that even if we provided you the information you have demanded, you would simply distort that information and continue peddling false narratives.

Introspection—not this cynical attempt to curate facts that support your pre-ordained narrative—is the better part of wisdom. Take the blinders off. Stop trying to find the nonexistent speck in Florida's eye while a catastrophic illegal immigration crisis-sized log is in your own. *See Matt. 7:3.*

We end where we began. My office won't be answering your demands for information. But thanks for reaching out.

Sincerely,



James Uthmeier
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Cc: The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary