

Executive Summary of The GEO Group's Response to 2016 DOJ OIG Report on Contractor-Operated Federal Prisons

The Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General issued a report (the "OIG Report") in August 2016 titled "Review of the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") Monitoring of Contract Prisons."

The OIG Report was not only flawed, from an analytical basis, but the underlying data in fact revealed that the contracted facilities were as safe, if not safer, than the publicly operated facilities.

Flawed Comparison

- The OIG Report was inherently flawed since it offered an apples to oranges comparison of non-similar facilities.
- The DOJ OIG selected 14 low security prison facilities operated by the BOP with a total of 22,600 inmates, mostly US citizens, and only 12% criminal aliens.
- The private sector comparison involved 14 low-security, contracted facilities with a total of 28,000 inmates, of whom 96% were criminal aliens that came from approximately 90 foreign countries.
- Consequently, this was not a fair comparison of similar inmate populations between the public and private sector facilities.
- Even the BOP expressed skepticism regarding the OIG Report by stating:

"We continue to caution against drawing comparisons of contract prisons to BOP operated facilities, as the different nature of the inmate populations and programs offered in each facility limit such comparisons."

Underlying Data Shows Contractor-Operated Facilities are Safer

- The data in the OIG Report showed that contracted facilities were actually safer than the public facilities, in many respects.
- The contractor-operated facilities performed better in several very key categories, per each 10,000 beds:
 - Fewer deaths: 54 deaths in the contracted facilities, versus 127 in the public facilities
 - Fewer drug confiscations
 - Fewer inmate fights
 - Fewer suicides
 - Fewer disruptive behavior incidents
 - Fewer uses of force
 - Fewer overall grievances
 - Fewer medical and dental grievances
 - Fewer grievances in the Special Housing Units
 - Fewer positive drug tests
 - Fewer guilty findings of inmate sexual misconduct against inmates
 - Fewer allegations of staff sexual misconduct against inmates
- These findings from the OIG Report confirm the contractor-operated facilities were as safe, if not safer, than public facilities.

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