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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter dated March 17, 2009, to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Gross, is seeking information concerning "FEMA concentration camps."

Please inform your constituent that the information he referred to you is inaccurate. FEMA has not in the past nor do we currently maintain prison concentration camps to imprison citizens in case of an emergency or for any other purpose.

The primary mission of FEMA is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the Nation from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters, by leading and supporting the Nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation. At no time in its history has this vision been more important to the country than in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact FEMA's Legislative Affairs Division at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

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