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NEWARK - Governor Mikie Sherrill released the following statement after visiting Delaney Hall. She is the first sitting Governor to visit the facility.

"My request for access to Delaney Hall was formally denied this morning, raising serious questions about what they are trying to hide from public view.

"I have long opposed private detention facilities and will continue to advocate for the closure of Delaney Hall and against any expansion of mass detention facilities in New Jersey, like the proposed facility in Roxbury.

"I came today to hear from families and advocates, and what I heard from them was heartbreaking.

"I will continue to hold ICE accountable, and I remain grateful for the work of our federal delegation, including Senator Kim and Representatives Menendez, Pou, McIver, and Mejia, who joined me today. They have been tireless in using their federal oversight authority to bring accountability to the facility. I will continue working closely with them to demand answers, protect constitutional rights, and ensure humane conditions.

"The people inside Delaney Hall are fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and members of our community. In New Jersey, we believe in the rule of law and that everyone deserves to be treated with basic dignity. We have a duty to safeguard the rights, health, and well-being of everyone within our borders."



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