Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Denise Turner Roth, Acting Administrator The U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F Street Northwest Washington, DC 20405

Acting Administrator Roth,

It has come to our attention that the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Florida courthouse facility has had extensive water intrusion and structural damage that has resulted in potentially toxic mold. This is an urgent issue that requires immediate attention by GSA.

This issue is not only important to the region, but also impacts the operation of Senator Rubio's Pensacola Regional Office. The Pensacola Regional Office is located in the facility, and the contamination has become so severe that Congressional staff can no longer safely work at the site. Additionally, local officials and employees who work in the courthouse have contacted our offices raising concerns over the lack of response by GSA. Many are concerned about their personal health and the safety of their work environment. Several employees who work in the building have reported unexplained respiratory problems and rashes they believe is related to the toxic mold in the building. We share these concerns and we are also concerned about the health and wellbeing of attorneys, jurors, visitors and others participating in the legal process.

We respectfully ask that you update our offices on the current status of the situation including:

- What steps GSA has taken to contain the spread of mold.
- What GSA will do to ensure there is a long-term permanent solution at the facility.
- A timeline of when GSA first knew about the mold and water intrusion, when GSA contained the issue and when repairs will be completed.
- What has been done to ensure the health and safety of the employees and visitors to the courthouse. Have you considered a temporary relocation until the problem can be properly remediated?

Thank you for your attention to this matter and ensuring a timely response to this issue.

Sincerely.

Senator Marco Rubio

Representative Jeff Mille