



The GEO Group Comments on Favorable Ruling by En Banc Panel of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Against California's AB32 Law

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BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **The GEO Group (NYSE: GEO)** ("GEO") commented today on the favorable ruling by an en banc panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (the "En Banc Court") in relation to lawsuits filed by GEO and the United States for declaratory and injunctive relief challenging California's enacted law, Assembly Bill 32 ("AB32"), which would have prohibited the operation of detention facilities in the state of California by private contractors, including contracted federal immigration processing centers.

On September 26, 2022, in an 8-3 decision, the En Banc Court vacated a prior U.S. District Court decision denying the requests by GEO and the United States for declaratory and injunctive relief barring application of the California law to federal immigration processing centers. The En Banc Court ruled that AB32 would give California a virtual power of review over detention decisions made by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), in violation of the Supremacy Clause. The En Banc Court held that whether analyzed under intergovernmental immunity or preemption, California cannot exert such control over the federal government's detention operations. The case is remanded to the U.S. District Court for further proceedings, consistent with the En Banc Court ruling.

Commenting on the ruling, GEO's Executive Chairman, George C. Zoley, said, "We are pleased with this ruling by the en banc panel of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, allowing the continuation of our California civil detention support services contracts for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

About The GEO Group

The GEO Group, Inc. (NYSE: GEO) is a leading diversified government service provider, specializing in design, financing, development, and support services for secure facilities, processing centers, and community reentry centers in the United States, Australia, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. GEO's diversified services include enhanced in-custody rehabilitation and post-release support through the award-winning GEO Continuum of Care®, secure transportation, electronic monitoring, community-based programs, and correctional health and mental health care. GEO's worldwide operations include the ownership and/or delivery of support services for 102 facilities totaling approximately 82,000 beds, including idle facilities and projects under development, with a workforce of up to approximately 18,000 employees.

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