FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and A | Address of Repo | oorting Person* | 2. Date of E Requiring S (Month/Day 09/01/202 | Statement //Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GEO GROUP INC [GEO] | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) 4955 TECH | (Last) (First) (Middle) 4955 TECHNOLOGY WAY | | | | 4. Relationship of Reportin Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (Street) BOCA RATON (City) | FL (State) | 33431 (Zip) | - | | X Officer (give title below) Senior VP, Clien | Other below) | 10% Owner Other (specify below) Relations | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | Form: [(D) or li | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 413.549 | I | D | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exp (Mo | | | 2. Date Exerc Expiration Day/\ (Month/Day/\ | ate | 3. Title and Amount of S Underlying Derivative S (Instr. 4) | | | | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiratior Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | ive | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List Exhibit 24 - Limited Power of Attorney for Section 16 Reporting Obligations

/s/Joe Negron, as Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew T. Albence

09/06/2022

** Signature of Reporting

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all persons by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of, Brian R. Evans and Joe Negron, or either of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer or director or both of The GEO Group, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any securities exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the undersigned to file the Forms 3, 4 and 5 electronically with the SEC;
- 3. seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Limited Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- 4. take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by or for, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever required, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request and on the behalf of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with, or any liability for the failure to comply with, any provision of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Limited Power of Attorney as of this 1st day of September 2022.

Signed and acknowledged:

/s/ Matthew T. Albence Signature Printed Name

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