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President Joseph R. Biden
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Dear President Biden,

The state of the ongoing humanitarian crisis occurring at our southern border has reached dire levels. The surge of illegal immigrants seeking to migrate into the United States is at an all-time high, with the Washington Post reporting that authorities have detained more than 1.7 million migrants during the 2021 Fiscal Year.¹

The flights that your administration facilitated in the dead of the night to secretly transport illegal migrants is indefensible and another failed attempt to diminish the severity of the border crisis. Spreading the problem across the United States is not solving the problem and the authorization of these flights directly jeopardizes the health, security, and safety of every American.

Since assuming office, your administration has often blamed and criticized the Trump administration for the current state of affairs at our southern border. However, former President Trump's acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf admitted that officials within your administration were properly briefed and warned about the dangerous and dire consequences that would result if President Trump's immigration policies were dismantled.² On your first day as President, you terminated border wall funding that was appropriated to complete construction of our southern border wall – of which nearly \$1.4 billion has already been authorized by Congress.³ U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents were left scurrying to address the sudden influx of illegal migrant crossings along a 2,000 mile stretch that makes up the U.S./Mexican border. Gaping holes, lack of proper attention to the border crisis, and a deficiency of resources has resulted in an exponential increase in attacks on Border Patrol agents by smugglers and drug traffickers alike.

In September of 2021, your administration defended not requiring illegal immigrants to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or the requirement of providing a negative test result – which only further escalates the extent of this humanitarian crisis. In a press briefing, White House Press Secretary attempted to justify your administration's reckless decision to not properly medically screen the illegal immigrants surging our

¹ Nick Miroff, *Border Arrests Have Soared to All-time High*, WASHINGTON POST (OCT. 20, 2021), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/border-arrests-record-levels-2021/2021/10/19/289dce64-3115-11ec-a880-a9d8c009a0b1_story.html.

² Franco Ordóñez, *Ex-DHS Chief Says Biden Was Warned About Dismantling Trump's Border Policies*, NPR (Mar. 23, 2021), <https://www.npr.org/2021/03/23/980272165/ex-dhs-chief-says-biden-was-warned-about-dismantling-trumps-border-policies>.

³ Alisa Reznick, *Congress Approves Almost \$1.4 Billion For Border Wall*, ARIZONA PUBLIC MEDIA (Dec. 22, 2020), <https://news.azpm.org/p/coronavirus/2020/12/22/186060-congress-approves-almost-14-billion-for-border-wall/>.

borders by expressing the belief that the migrants are, “not intending to stay here for a lengthy period of time.”⁴ However, the covert flights ordered by your administration in a botched attempt to cover up the gravity of this situation directly contrasts the false assurance Jen Psaki provided to the American people.

The reckless decision of your administration to secretly transport unaccompanied minors throughout the United States furthers the risk of smuggling and human trafficking. As a result of your administration’s open border immigration policies, it is expected that more than 100,000 unaccompanied migrant children will illegally cross into the United States by the end of the year.⁵ Hidalgo County Sheriff J.E. Guerra, which encompasses several Texas border towns, highlighted the massive profit drug cartels have made – specifically stating drug cartels, “making more money on humans than they are on the drug side.”⁶ Cartel traffickers are exploiting migrant parents by charging up to \$1,500 per body and continue to take advantage of our immigration system on a daily basis. Every hour that our southern border remains open and vulnerable, the United States is fueling the inhumane smuggling of people and fattening the pockets of coyote members to the tune of billions of dollars.

The resettlement of illegal aliens in the State of Florida does not solve any of the consequences of your administration’s open border policy. Purposely keeping Americans in the dark regarding the travels of illegal immigrants risks public safety, wastes taxpayer dollars, and is a grave misstep in the name of justice. The burden of misguided leadership from elected officials should never fall upon the American people.

Your administration’s gross irresponsibility and mismanagement of this crisis endangers the sovereignty of the United States. The secrets occurring in darkness by officials within your administration must be brought to light. The responsibility of the Office of the President of the United States is to serve the People, not the best interests of illegal immigrants.

Mr. President, on behalf of the constituents within our districts and the entire State of Florida, we respectfully request answers for the following questions:

1. Was Yery Noel Medina Ulloa, a part of the secret flights to Jacksonville, Florida? Ulloa falsified his age to enter the country illegally and made it to Jacksonville, where he later allegedly killed an innocent father of four earlier this month.⁷
2. Was the Governor of Florida notified prior to the arrival of the illegal immigrants?
3. What is the total amount tax dollars used in the secret travels of these immigrants?
4. Whereas the arrivals of illegal immigrants were unbeknownst to the people of Florida, how many illegal immigrants did the State of Florida receive?

⁴ Callie Patteson, *White House Defends Not Requiring Negative COVID Test From Illegal Migrants*, NEW YORK POST (SEP. 20, 2021), <https://nypost.com/2021/09/20/wh-defends-not-requiring-neg-covid-test-from-illegal-migrants/>.

⁵ Kay C. James, *Biden’s Illegal Immigration Agenda Creates Another Child Smuggling Crisis*, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION (Mar. 17, 2021), <https://www.heritage.org/immigration/commentary/bidens-illegal-immigration-agenda-creates-another-child-smuggling-crisis>.

⁶ Gabrielle Fonrouge, *Mexican Drug Cartels Using Kids As Decoys In To Smuggle Its Members Into US*, NEW YORK POST (Mar. 22, 2021) <https://nypost.com/2021/03/22/mexican-drug-cartels-use-kids-as-decoys-to-smuggle-members-into-us/>.

⁷ Jack Morphet, Lee Brown, Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, *Illegal Immigrant Who Posed As Minor While Crossing Border Charged with Murder In Florida*, NEW YORK POST, (November 4, 2021) https://nypost.com/2021/11/04/illegal-immigrant-who-posed-as-minor-while-crossing-border-charged-with-murder/?utm_source=NYPTwitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=SocialFlow

5. What congressional districts in Florida were illegal immigrants flown into?

We look forward to your response on this pressing issue.

Sincerely,



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