

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear President Biden:

Language used by multiple officials in your administration conveys that you believe the failure to enforce our nation's duly enacted immigration laws is humane and compassionate. We, the undersigned, as representatives of our constituents who are negatively impacted by your complicit failure of enforcement, have the duty to express their and our grave concerns about your administration's open border policies.

Humane, compassionate policy toward our neighbors does not facilitate corruption through the enrichment of international narco-terrorist drug cartels, gangs, human traffickers and smugglers, while at the same time robbing these nations of their citizenry and future. Your de facto policy of an open southern border is neither humane nor compassionate.

Further, open borders are unconstitutional. Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, known as The Guarantee Clause, requires that "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence."¹

Under our Constitution, Congress has plenary authority over immigration and has never given the President the power to provide a pseudo-amnesty nor the ability to deem inaction on unlawful presence under the laws of our nation as a lawful presence.²

It is undeniable that your administration's asylum narrative has fueled unlawful entry over the southern border. This attractive nuisance provides profitable conditions for international narco-terrorist cartels to hide all sorts of evils within that sea of humanity illegally crossing the border. **An illegal alien even told ABC's Martha Raddatz that he definitely would not have come when President Trump was in office, and that Joe Biden being elected president was "basically" the reason he decided to enter unlawfully.**³ Just last month, a child trafficking report from the State of Texas described this current crisis as a "perfect storm of vulnerability" for these children who are exploited by pimps, gangs and drug and human traffickers.⁴

¹ U.S. Constitution, art. 4, sec. 4.

² Hans A. von Spakovsky, "DACA Is Unconstitutional, as Obama Admitted," *The Heritage Foundation*, Sept. 8, 2017, <https://www.heritage.org/immigration/commentary/daca-unconstitutional-obama-admitted> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

³ Steve Guest, *Twitter*, Mar. 21, 2021, 10:37 AM, <https://twitter.com/SteveGuest/status/1373644858775236613> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021)

⁴ Hayden Sparks, "Texas Sex Trafficking Official Says Border Crisis Is a 'Perfect Storm of Vulnerability' for Children," *The Texan*, Mar. 17, 2021, <https://thetexan.news/texas-sex-trafficking-official-says-border-crisis-is-a-perfect-storm-of-vulnerability-for-children/> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

These state officials in Texas, along with their counterparts in other border states, are working tirelessly to do all in their power to protect these innocent victims despite the callous actions of your administration.⁵

Members of Congress have been down to the border many times during this crisis that began a few short months ago with your Inauguration. We can personally attest that women and children are being exploited by these vicious human traffickers in extraordinary numbers. These thugs use these vulnerable people, the most heartbreaking of whom are the children subjected to rape, assault and abandonment.

In March, as has been widely reported, Texas Rangers saved a 6-month-old baby girl from drowning in the Rio Grande River after illegal smugglers threw her out of a raft along the Texas-Mexico border.⁶ That child's mother also suffered a broken leg after being assaulted by their traffickers.⁷ Heartbreaking video footage has also emerged of a sobbing young migrant boy begging U.S. Border Patrol for help.⁸ The boy was all alone on a dirt road in Texas and told border agents that he was abandoned by the group that he came with and said he was scared he would get kidnapped.⁹ Recent reports also reveal horrifying footage of two Ecuadorian sisters, ages three and five, being dumped by smugglers over a 14-foot-high border wall in a deserted area of New Mexico and left to fend for themselves.¹⁰ One Member of Congress recently met a young girl who was trying to convey what had happened to her at the hands of her traffickers but she had lost her voice from screaming while being gang raped.¹¹

This is not a trip that anyone should be making, particularly these children, who are far from "unaccompanied minors;" they are under the care and supervision of these brutal coyotes who use them as decoys to move massive amounts of deadly drugs into the United States. Our Border Patrol agents are given the untenable choice between rescuing these children or stopping the movement of the drugs.

We have reason to believe, based on what we have witnessed and the reports we have seen, that stories like these that make it into the national news are a forecast of the extensive crimes against women and children that are being allowed to happen. One Texas state official remarked that facts revealed in the course of trafficking investigations show that some of "the most brutal things you've seen done to children happen in the U.S.," the personal knowledge of which will "stain your soul."¹² For your administration to continue to turn a blind eye to this conduct is to assent to the unthinkable human suffering that continues to this day.

Further, your administration's failure to enforce our nation's immigration laws is causing our citizenry to deal with the egregious consequences--without the consent of the governed. We have had the privilege to speak with many border property owners, farmers and ranchers, who are unjustly subjected to property

⁵ Sparks, "Border Crisis Is a 'Perfect Storm of Vulnerability.'"

⁶ Emily Wood, "Texas Rangers save 6-m-o baby smugglers threw into Rio Grande after breaking mom's leg," *The Christian Post*, Apr. 01, 2021, <https://www.christianpost.com/news/texas-rangers-save-6-m-o-baby-smugglers-threw-into-rio-grande.html> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ Christopher Brito, "Video Shows 10-year-old boy abandoned near U.S. border asking officer for help," *CBS News*, Apr. 07, 2021, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/boy-abandoned-us-mexico-border-officer-help/> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ Christopher Brito, "Video shows alleged smugglers dropping 2 children over 14-foot border fence into U.S.," *CBS News*, Apr. 02, 2021, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/toddlers-dropped-over-border-wall-video/> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

¹¹ Fox News Staff, "Rep. Kat Cammack: Joe Biden has become 'trafficker-in-chief' of southern border 'crisis'," *Fox News*, Apr. 08, 2021, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rep-kat-cammack-joe-biden-has-become-trafficker-in-chief-of-southern-border-crisis> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

¹² Sparks, "Border Crisis Is a 'Perfect Storm of Vulnerability.'"

damage and even threats to the safety of their families, when the federal government decides that securing the border is actually not favorable to its own agenda—even though it is required by law. The spread of this criminality threatens to make every town in America a border town. This is profoundly wrong.

To make a crisis situation even worse, COVID-19 is allowed to spread freely over our southern border, while citizens have been shut in, and for many their livelihoods, health, safety and well-being stolen from them, all in the name of stopping the spread of the virus. You must understand that illegally crossing the Rio Grande River does not cure COVID.

And as if all of that weren't bad enough, Border Patrol recently announced that agents arrested two Yemeni men who were on the FBI's terrorist watch list, confirming lawmakers' reports that terrorism suspects were attempting to sneak into the country as part of the surge.¹³ Because your administration deleted the press release from the Border Patrol website does not mitigate the fact that terrorists are entering this country unabated.

We are extraordinarily grateful for our law enforcement at the federal, state and local levels. Many of us witnessed firsthand how committed they are, including Customs and Border Patrol and Texas Department of Public Safety, in the face of tremendously difficult and unnecessary circumstances. We all owe them our deepest gratitude for their tremendous service to their nation, and we would be in error if we did not report back that they truly deserve more from your administration.

Article II, Section 3 of the U.S. Constitution requires that the President "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed."¹⁴ Known as the Take Care Clause, it requires that the President enforce all constitutionally valid laws regardless of a particular administration's own viewpoint. This requirement is critical to the Rule of Law in this nation, providing assurance that we are not under the thumb of a self-declared tyrant king, but rather a government of, by and for the People.

We implore you to reverse course and provide the humane, compassionate and just enforcement of our nation's immigration laws for the betterment of our neighbors and so that all Americans are guaranteed the safety and security granted to them under the mandates of the U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely,



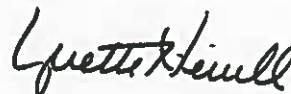
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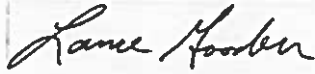
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¹³ Stephen Dinan, "Border Patrol arrests two terrorist suspects in California amid migrant surge," *The Washington Times*, Apr. 05, 2021, <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/apr/5/border-patrol-arrests-two-terrorist-suspects-calif/> (accessed Apr. 12, 2021).

¹⁴ U.S. Constitution, art. 2, sec. 3.


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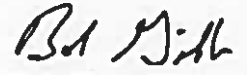
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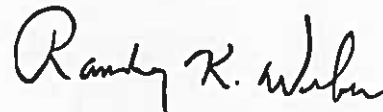
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