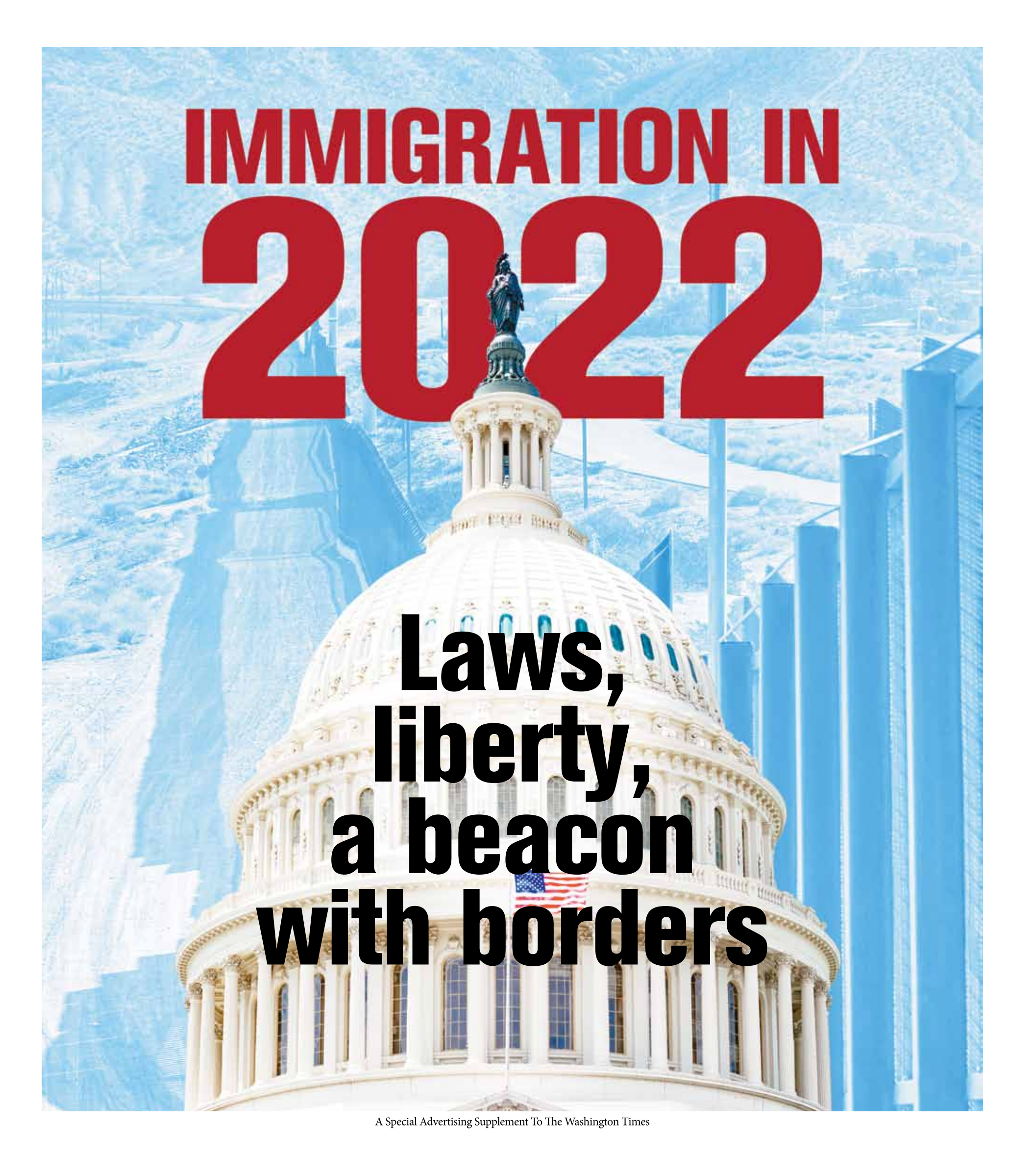


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Affirming the rule of law in a nation of hopes and dreams



By Governor Greg Abbott

As the land of unparalleled freedom and opportunity, America represents the hopes and dreams for people the world over. It is imperative, however, that our nation's leaders clearly and unequivocally assert that America is a nation of laws. We simply cannot allow, or encourage, the mass illegal immigration and chaos our country is currently experiencing along the southern border.

President Biden's dangerous refusal to address the crisis on America's southern border has opened the floodgates of illegal immigration that threatens to destabilize communities across south Texas, allows Mexican cartels and other transnational criminal organizations to operate freely and profit off the chaos, and profoundly disrespects the millions of Americans who gained citizenship through the established legal pathways.

Under President Trump, we experienced record low numbers of illegal border crossings. However, President Biden has recklessly dismantled every effective policy that contained mass illegal immigration and provided the tools necessary for law enforcement to maintain border security. These willful actions have signaled to the world that ignoring America's immigration laws is acceptable. Even U.S. Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz said as much when he testified under oath that increases in mass migration occur "when there are no consequences."

Whether President Biden views the border crisis as Texas' problem or it is just politically inconvenient for him to do his job, mass illegal immigration is a humanitarian crisis for those putting their lives in the hands of ruthless coyotes or smugglers and a national security crisis for all Americans.

As Governor of Texas, I have had to take unprecedented actions to fill in the



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dangerous gaps left by the Biden administration's disastrous policies, including allocating more than \$3 billion over the past 18 months for border security. In March 2021, I launched Operation Lone Star, deploying thousands of Texas National Guard soldiers and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers to employ air, ground, and tactical border assets to secure the border. Texas is also the only state in our nation's history to build its own border wall in response to the federal government's shameful negligence.

As of early September, Operation Lone Star has led to more than 300,000 migrant apprehensions, nearly 20,000 criminal arrests, and more than 17,000 felony charges. Texas has also seized more than 336 million lethal doses of fentanyl—more than enough to kill every man, woman, and child in America. Additionally, terrorists on the Terrorist Watchlist illegally crossing the border skyrocketed by 400% in fiscal year 2021 and 420% in 2022.

This April, the State of Texas began busing migrants to Washington, D.C., to help our overrun border communities, with New York City and Chicago recently added as destinations. With more than two million illegal immigrants crossing the southern border

over the past 11 months—overwhelming Texas border towns with limited resources and oftentimes populations of fewer than 50,000—these sanctuary cities have proudly touted offering services and support to people in these exact circumstances.

Texas' inundated border towns are now receiving a measure of relief, and importantly, the magnitude of this ongoing crisis is finally gaining the national attention it deserves. Americans are now witnessing a startling national security failure that the President continues to dismiss.

The hostile responses from these sanctuary city mayors further illustrates what Texans on the frontlines of this crisis have been burdened with for almost two years. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser called the situation a "humanitarian crisis" and requested twice for the federal government to deploy the National Guard to help manage the flow of migrants into her city. She also recently declared the busing of a few thousand migrants into Washington, D.C. a public emergency.

After refusing to acknowledge

President Biden's role in creating the crisis, New York City Mayor Eric Adams secretly sent a delegation of staffers to the Texas-Mexico border on a fact-finding mission, but has yet to accept my invitation to visit the border and see the crisis firsthand. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has yet to call on President Biden to secure the border, instead attacking me and my Christian faith.

Despite the outrage and contempt expressed by the sanctuary city mayors, the busing mission will continue as long as President Biden refuses to enforce our nation's laws. The crisis at the border is not for Texas or any other border state to handle alone. It is up to our nation's leaders to stand up for the rule of law that makes America so exceptional.

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Named "Best Governor in the Nation" in his current second term, Greg Abbott continues to build on his record as a strong conservative leader who fights to preserve Texas values and ensure an even brighter future for all Texans by expanding economic opportunity, promoting education excellence, protecting individual liberties, and securing the Texas border in the face of federal inaction. Prior to his election as governor in 2014, Greg Abbott was the longest-serving Attorney General of Texas.

The got-away crisis at our southern border



By Mark Morgan

Regardless of where you sit on the political and ideological spectrum, there is no denying the catastrophic crisis at our southern border. Whether you see it as a humanitarian, national security, or constitutional crisis, or all three rolled into one, it's a colossal failure by any definition.

It matters because illegal immigration is not a victimless crime.

The Biden administration's open-border policies have drawn five million illegal aliens from 160 different countries to our borders in just 18 months. The predictable result is a chaotic and deadly southern border where a complex set of threats are pouring into to the U.S. The situation has become so dangerous and untenable that a judge in Kinney County, Texas, formally declared the county was being invaded.

The crux of the crisis is not overly complicated. To deal with the crushing flow of illegal aliens, 80% to 90% of Border Patrol personnel are often pulled off the front lines to care for, process, and release those who have crossed illegally.

Biden's Border Patrol has essentially been compelled to abandon much of its core mission to protect the American people. This has left our borders wide-open and facilitated the cartels broadening their operational control over our southern border, making it easier for them to smuggle drugs into the U.S. and expand their human trafficking operation.

It also makes it far simpler for criminal aliens and national security threats to enter the U.S. undetected. You don't have to be a border security expert to understand that as illegal immigration increases, our ability to effectively secure the border decreases.

The Biden administration refuses to acknowledge this basic premise or come clean to the American people about the magnitude of the threats not being interdicted because resources are being diverted to the self-inflicted illegal migration disaster. Intentionally hijacking the Border Patrol's mission, forcing it into an expansive role as a humanitarian agency that must welcome the new

Some are members of some of the most violent transnational gangs in the world. Many have been convicted of driving under the influence. And for those who somehow see drunk driving as "lesser" offense, a threat to be dismissed, I'd point to the 10,000 drunk-driving fatalities every year in the United States.

Since the Biden administration took the reins, Customs and Border Protec-

tion has arrested more than 32,000 criminal aliens. Border Patrol alone has apprehended 113 convicted murders and more than 770 illegal aliens convicted of sexual related offenses, including sex with a minor child.

Those numbers represent a 2,000% increase in murderers and a 260% increase in sexual predators, as compared to the Trump administration. Keep in mind -- these are only the criminals they've apprehended. Imagine the number of criminals among the million got-aways who now call the U.S. home.

murder. In addition to the murders, Reyes was charged with kidnapping a 12-year-old girl who, according to the complaint, was "tied to bed posts for at least a week, was assaulted, and kept in a drug-like state by being plied with alcohol."

Unfortunately, tragedies like this are common. From 2011 -2022, more than 259,000 illegal aliens were charged with more than 433,000 criminal of-



generation of illegal alien arrivals, has foreseeably resulted in an exponential increase in "got-aways" - illegal aliens who break into our southern border and avoid apprehension.

Close to a million "got-aways" have entered the U.S. since President Biden entered the Oval Office. Yet Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas somehow has the chutzpah to assert that "the borders are secure." It's a blanket lie.

Why does it matter? What's another million got-aways on top of the millions of illegal aliens the Biden administration has willfully released into the U.S.? It matters because illegal immigration is not a victimless crime. It has damaging downstream effects across our nation. Unfortunately, in today's environment, emotions, politics, and ideology drive the narrative rather than the truth.

Not everyone entering our country illegally are good, upstanding people. Many have been convicted of or charged with violent offenses. Others are considered dangerous sexual predators.

The Biden administration's open-border policies have sent a message to the entire world: there will no consequences for the majority of those illegally entering the U.S. Instead, they will be welcomed and rewarded ... no questions asked. It hasn't been just those hoping for a better life who heard that message.

Violent criminals received the message loud and clear. Among them was Jose Pascual-Reyes, who on Aug. 4 was charged with multiple counts of capital

murder. In addition to the murders, Reyes was charged with kidnapping a 12-year-old girl who, according to the complaint, was "tied to bed posts for at least a week, was assaulted, and kept in a drug-like state by being plied with alcohol."

How many more "Angel Families" do we have to add to the rolls before we say it's time to secure our borders? How many more victims of horrific sexual assaults have to occur before we say enough is enough? What level of tragedy and suffering must Americans shoulder before we demand accountability and insist that the administration start putting the safety and well-being of our own citizens first.

What's the number, President Biden? What feels right to you, Secretary Mayorkas? How many murderers, rapists, pedophiles, and gang members coming into the U.S. do you consider an acceptable trade-off for our open borders?

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Exposing Biden's Lies

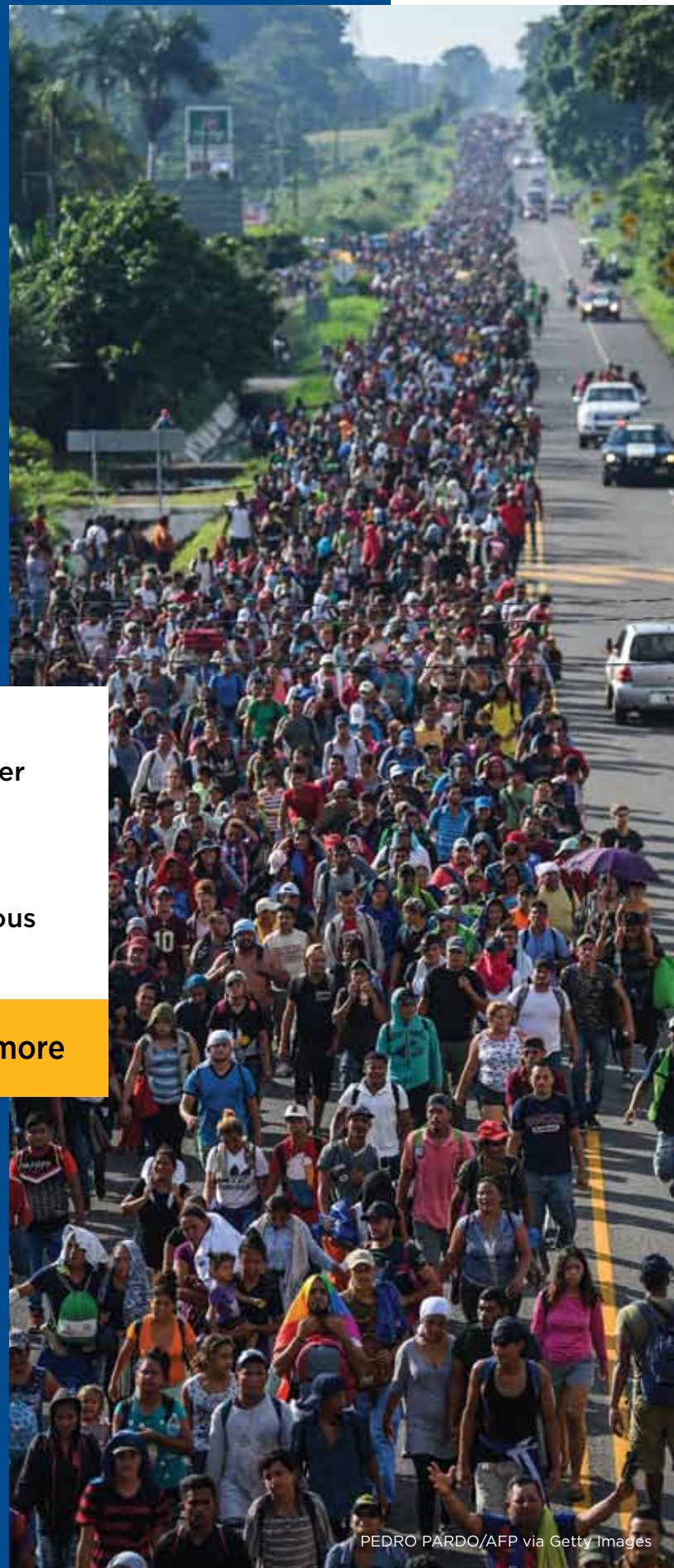
The Biden administration doesn't want media attention on illegal immigration, its open border policies, or how those policies are hurting everyday Americans.

The Heritage Foundation is standing up to the Biden administration and exposing its dangerous open border policies.

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“Americans are rightfully enraged that the Biden administration has thrown open our borders and allowed the drug cartels and human traffickers to take control. **The consequences are disastrous.**”

—Kevin Roberts, Ph.D.
President, The Heritage Foundation



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Biden's open borders fuel America's deadly fentanyl crisis



By U.S. Sen. Rick Scott

Earlier this year, I spoke with a mom in Kissimmee who tragically lost her son to an opioid overdose. The young man, who happened to be a member of our Armed Forces, had returned home for Mother's Day. While there, he met up with some old friends and was offered a Xanax to help with his anxiety. The pill he took was laced with fentanyl and it killed him. Sadly, this isn't a one-off tragedy. I heard a nearly identical story last year when I was visiting the southern border in Yuma, Arizona.

Today, because of the raging crisis on our border and the deadly opioid crisis it is fueling, too many American families

now know what this terrible loss is like. I'm fighting in the Senate to end this crisis and stop the suffering it's causing across America.

To understand why the opioid crisis has become so deadly, it's important to know just how lethal fentanyl is. Fentanyl is 100 times more lethal than morphine. Just a two-milligram dose of fentanyl – which isn't even a tenth of the weight of a grain of sand – can be deadly. Knowing that, consider this terrifying fact: at the time of this writing, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has seized 9,962 thousand pounds of fentanyl smuggled over land borders since October 2021. That means that Mexican drug cartels have smuggled enough fentanyl over the border to kill more than one quarter of the world's total population.

While our brave border patrol agents are doing everything they can to stop the flow of these deadly drugs into America's neighborhoods, the Biden administration has left them understaffed and under-resourced. I've heard about it during my trips to the border. But the fentanyl crisis isn't only a problem in border states like Arizona. It's killing Floridians too. More than 2,000 Floridians have died in 2022 from opioid overdoses.

What is President Biden doing to stop the fentanyl killing spree? Nothing.

Since the very day he took office, Joe Biden has worked to dismantle our border protection policies. His amnesty agenda and open border policies have

led to record-breaking illegal immigration, and with it, an unchecked deluge of drugs pouring into the United States.

We need political leaders who are willing to stand up, enforce our laws and protect Americans. That's why I continue to demand that Joe Biden reverse course and secure the border, and why I've introduced multiple pieces of legislation to improve our federal response to the opioid epidemic.

First, I'm fighting to pass my bipartisan END FENTANYL Act to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to update its policies at least once every three years to ensure the drug interdiction guidance is up-to-date. This is a problem that the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) highlighted in a recent report, noting, "CBP's inspection policies are outdated and don't reflect new technology or threats...key policies do not address how to handle the dangerous drug fentanyl. This leaves officers without guidance they need to do inspections properly and consistently." Now that it has passed the Senate Homeland Security Committee, it's up to Chuck Schumer to put it on the floor and let the Senate vote, but I doubt he'll do it.

Second, I've introduced the STOP FENTANYL PACKAGE Act. This six-pronged bill would elevate the Office of National Drug Control Policy Director to a Cabinet-level position, improve data collection on opioid deaths, award grants to local law enforcement agencies

in communities with concentrated opioid abuse rates, provide necessary funding for the Fentanyl Profiling Program to improve efficiency and results of the State Opioid Response Grants and improve access to prescription-grade overdose-reversing drugs.

Finally, I will be fighting to pass the UPDATED USPS Act to curb the flow of fentanyl through the mail. By strengthening electronic data requirements on shipments from foreign adversaries, and blocking packages that lack digital tracking data, we'll be able to stop foreign cartels from circumventing border patrol agents.

Joe Biden can change course and use his power to stop the flow of fentanyl into America's neighborhoods, like Yuma and Kissimmee. He can work across the aisle and take decisive action today to stop the fentanyl epidemic by endorsing my bills and calling for their immediate passage. The number of Americans dying from fentanyl is increasing every day. We don't have time to wait, and I won't stop fighting in the Senate to bring an end to this horrible crisis.

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Wage war on the cartels killing Americans



By U.S. Sen. Tom Cotton

directly responsible for these deaths. Fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, meth, and heroin are all primarily produced and smuggled by the Mexican cartels and account for the overwhelming majority of drug-overdose deaths. Cocaine, the fourth-deadliest drug brought into the United States, is also primarily smuggled by the cartels.

Fentanyl is an especially dangerous drug. Just two milligrams—the equivalent of a few grains of sand—can kill an adult male. The Mexican cartels have built super labs to mass produce this extremely deadly drug. Last year alone, authorities seized around 2.5 billion deadly doses of fentanyl at our border.

stopped hundreds more from entering.

The cartels are also running the most extensive human trafficking networks in the world. They recruit millions of Central and South Americans to cross our border and break into our country. Along the way, cartel members rape women and children, extort and brutalize the weak, and leave helpless migrants to die in the desert or suffocate in tractor trailers. They also force young women and girls into modern slavery—usually by addicting them to drugs and forcing them into prostitution.

Imagine what we would do if ISIS or Al Qaeda set up shop on our border and committed a fraction of these atrocities.

with the most sophisticated surveillance technology. We must also strengthen the Coast Guard so it can cut off the cartel's sea lanes.

Third, we must destroy and bankrupt the cartels in Mexico. We should use the same legal tools we use against terrorist organizations to freeze their assets, kick them out of the international banking system, and bar their members and families from entering the country. We can also use special operators and elite tactical units in law enforcement to capture or kill kingpins, neutralize key lieutenants, and destroy the cartel's super labs and organizational infrastructure. We must work closely with

For too long Washington has ignored an evil that threatens every American community. This evil is not sown in secluded soil, it emanates across all 2,000 miles of our southern border from a sprawling network of cartelized criminal organizations that have industrialized misery, monetized terror, and revived slavery in the hemisphere. The Mexican drug cartels pose a dire threat to our nation's health, safety, and security.



The Mexican drug cartels have killed more Americans than any terrorist group in history—and the death toll is rising every day.

It's past time that we wage war against the cartels. Not a Washington "war" of tough-sounding rhetoric and stern press releases, but a true war that seeks out and destroys our nation's enemies to the south.

Mexico has now deployed over 200,000 federal troops to fight the cartels, which have forced our neighbor into a worsening civil war. Yet, even with this massive military presence, the death-squad massacres, kidnappings, and decapitations continue. Just last month, the State Department issued a "do not travel" advisory for a half dozen states in Mexico due to growing anarchy and violence.

This is far from just a Mexican problem. The Mexican drug cartels have killed more Americans than any terrorist group in history—and the death toll is rising every day.

In the last three years alone, a quarter of a million Americans have lost their lives in the deadliest drug crisis in history. More Americans die each year from drugs than were killed in the entire Vietnam War. The cartels are

Fentanyl overdoses are now the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45.

Each drug death and severe case of addiction is like a bomb going off in a community. Families are shattered, children are orphaned, promising young Americans are psychologically destroyed, and neighborhoods physically deteriorate. It's little surprise that some parts of this country look and feel like warzones.

To distribute their poison, the cartels have established broad criminal networks within our country. In some cases, they partner with the thousands of preexisting American street, prison, and motorcycle gangs, but in other cases they send violent Latin American gang members to do their bidding. In 2020, ICE deported over 4,000 illegal-alien gang members; the Border Patrol

That's exactly what we should do to the cartels. We must wage a war against the cartels that doesn't end until every one of their criminal members is dead, imprisoned, or neutralized as a threat.

First, we should dismantle the cartel networks in our midst by empowering federal, state, and local law enforcement to get deadly drug pushers and gang members off of our streets and out of our country. Rip apart the distribution mechanisms and the drug supply will falter.

Second, we must defend the border. Joe Biden can't be counted on to defend us, but the next Republican president should declare a state of emergency at the border, end catch-and-release, complete construction of the wall, expand the Border Patrol, retrofit every port of entry with advanced drug-detection technology, and equip our border agents

the Mexican government and ensure its continued support in this effort—but we cannot allow it to delay or hinder this necessary campaign.

The cartels are killing Americans every day and radically destabilizing our neighbor and region. They are a clear and present danger to our people and our interests. The cartels must be destroyed.

Tom Cotton is a United States Senator from Arkansas. He serves on the Intelligence Committee; the Judiciary Committee, where is the Ranking Member of the Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism Subcommittee; and the Armed Services Committee, where is the Ranking Member of the Air Land Power Subcommittee. He served nearly five years in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Officer with two combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

‘Leading with compassion and respect for the rule of law’



By U.S. Sen. Mike Lee

As a conservative Utahn and a Latter-day Saint, I have a unique view of our nation’s immigration policy. I’m proud of the hospitality extended by Utahns who welcome refugees and asylees. I think the perspective of Utahns from a conservative state whose ancestors fled their homes due to religious persecution is capable of informing solutions to the crisis at our southern border.

Residents along our Southern border can attest that there is nothing compassionate about ignoring the border crisis.

When it comes to our nation’s immigration policy, we should be leading with compassion and respect for the rule of law. After all, we are a nation of immigrants, a melting pot of ideas and cultures. But compassion, absent an objective path, will ultimately result in policies of callous indifference.

Failing to act is a disservice to those entering the country legally. Residents along our Southern border can attest that there is nothing compassionate about ignoring the border crisis. The daily trafficking of women and children, the mass deaths of people transported in cargo containers, and the daily terrorism of cartels, continue to grow the longer we wait.

Unfortunately, the political temperature surrounding the immigration debate has led to an impasse. We’re doing nothing to address the core problems of our immigration system. Instead, our policy has been largely reactive, coming up with short-term solutions to address specific concerns without acknowledging the fundamental issues driving the crisis.

The result is a system riddled with loopholes.

I spent two years as an LDS missionary serving recent immigrants in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. I can report that these loopholes serve neither current nor hopeful U.S. citizens. Instead, they create a perverse set of incentives for border surges, often with deadly consequences. What’s worse, these incentives often come at the expense of helpless and victimized children.

To ensure that we provide asylum to all those who genuinely need it, we must share the burden with other like-minded countries. Further, those who do receive asylum here must meet the requisite standards. My legislation would require an asylum seeker to apply for asylum in at least one of the safe countries on their route to the United States.

No matter their national origin, children need to be treated with the utmost care, respect, and reverence. We should take every precaution to safely return children attempting to cross the border. Currently, we return unaccompanied

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A nation of immigrants needs an immigration system that is both compassionate and fair. As we work to reach the



We need a compassionate solution. Which is why I’ve introduced the Stopping Border Surges Act to close loopholes in our policy and end their deadly incentives.

The first loophole is known as the Flores Settlement Agreement. The Agreement had noble intentions but unintended consequences. As written, the Agreement is incentivizing children’s exploitation. The Agreement prohibits governments from holding unaccompanied minors for more than 20 days.

The unintended consequence stems from the fact that we must also release any adult claiming to be the parent of an accompanying child within 20 days of being apprehended. The result? Non-parents are increasingly using children as a get-out-of-jail-free card at the child’s expense. These children are often “recycled” by smugglers forced

children from Mexico and Canada quickly and safely.

Children from other countries, however, are placed in a lengthy removal process. In the interim, we release them into the United States with the same adults that smuggled them into the country. Consequently, the policy incentivizes the enlistment of couriers to smuggle children across the border. We can end this incentive by extending the same seamless process available to children from Mexico and Canada.

Lastly, as a country, we must retain our ability to provide asylum for those seeking a safe haven. Many of the immigrants arriving at Ellis Island did so because they fled persecution. When the early Mormon pioneers moved west, they did so because of threats of violence. America has always been a beacon for those in danger and should remain that beacon for years to come.

consensus necessary to tackle the most complex immigration questions, we must, at the very least, end the dangerous incentives threatening children and those fleeing violence. We owe it not only to the citizens of this country but to future citizens who will one day reap the rewards of their lawful entry into the greatest country on earth.

Mike Lee is a United States Senator from Utah. He serves as the Ranking Member on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Anti-trust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, and on the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. In addition, he is the Ranking Member on the Joint Economic Committee and serves on the Senate Commerce Committee as well as the Senate’s Special Committee on Aging. Prior to the Senate, he clerked for Supreme Court Justice Judge Samuel A. Alito, Jr.



GOP majority will hold Biden accountable on border crisis



By U.S. Rep. Clay Higgins

We, as a nation, face the worst border crisis in our history. The Biden administration has overseen the intentional dismantling of America's border security and immigration enforcement systems. This threat to our Republic demands a strong and forceful response from Republicans when we retake majority control of Congress next year.

President Biden's immigration policies jeopardize the safety and security of the American people. The border crisis threatens the very fabric of America. The Biden administration and a complicit Democratic majority in Congress have acted unilaterally to weaken border security, restrict interior enforcement,

and expand administrative amnesty. As a result, illegal crossings continue to rise. We lost operational control at the border many months ago, and we're on track to exceed four million illegal crossings since Biden's inauguration. Criminal "gotaways" are at unprecedented levels. Fentanyl and illicit drugs are pouring across the border and killing American citizens. This is the reality that we face.

The border crisis impacts every community and every state in our nation. America is less secure because of Joe Biden's failures at the southern border. Border security is national security, and we must address this alarming threat to

officials to account, including Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. He has unequivocally failed in his mission. Further, he has taken actions that knowingly and intentionally exacerbated the border crisis. This is wholly unacceptable. America has been significantly injured by the continued dismantling of our border security. Many of my colleagues and I are prepared to make a case for Mayorkas' removal.

This accountability agenda, securing the southern border and restoring the sovereignty of our homeland, must be a top priority for our new Republican majority. We will investigate,

border security requires action to close the physical gaps, empower law enforcement personnel, and eliminate the pull factors that incentivize illegal immigration. We stand ready with legislation to complete the border wall system, codify the security mechanisms of "Remain in Mexico" and Title 42, combat the criminal cartels, and end catch and release. Our plan also includes refocused efforts on interior enforcement. We must ensure that ICE has the directive and resources to get criminal aliens off our streets.

Accountability is coming for the Biden administration. The power dynamic in Washington is about to shift. While the White House remains under Democrat control through 2024, Republicans will retake the majority in Congress. We intend to send a very clear message to the Biden administration – the intentional collapse of our border security will not stand.

The American people demand strong borders and safe communities. This is what we intend to deliver.

Clay Higgins is a United States Representative from Louisiana's Third Congressional District. He is the ranking member of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border Security. A veteran and highly decorated law enforcement officer, he served as a military police officer in the U.S. Army/Louisiana National Guard attaining the rank of E-6, Staff Sergeant, and worked as a SWAT operator and night shift patrol officer.

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our nation. However, the current Democratic majority has allowed the Biden administration to weaken America's border security infrastructure without objection. Democrats have refused to conduct necessary congressional oversight, and Americans are paying the consequences. That will soon change.

On January 3, 2023, Republicans will regain majority control of Congress. We will aggressively confront the Biden administration and conduct oversight hearings on the border crisis. We will use every tool at our disposal to build case files and hold Biden administration

expose, and combat injurious actions out of the Biden administration. At the same time, we will advance our own security agenda.

While America will always remain a land of compassion, we will not compromise our safety. Republicans must unite behind flagship legislation to secure America on every front, starting with restoring operational control at the southern border. My office has introduced a strategic plan for the Homeland Security Committee in the 118th Congress, which includes legislative priorities that will help safeguard our nation. Effective

Everyday life shouldn't be 'high speed chases, drug busts, and property damages'



By U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales

Welcome to the 23rd Congressional District of Texas. This district represents 42% of the southern border, it's the largest U.S.-Mexico border district in Congress. And, while rich in natural resources, agriculture, and diversity, it is being strangled to death by the lack of leadership from the Biden administration.

Every community in my district is all hands-on deck as local governments and first responders exhaust their resources to contain this chaos.

Twenty-two months into the Biden Presidency, communities in the 23rd district are deeply affected by illegal crossings and mass caravans of migrants from more than 150 countries.

Every community in my district is all hands-on deck as local governments and first responders exhaust their resources to contain this chaos. That comes at the expense of you, the taxpayers who are paying to receive less services. For example, San Antonio firefighters were recently enlisted to work overtime shifts at the city's migrant shelter.

My constituents in Eagle Pass, Del Rio, and El Paso share similar experiences as every border city and town is beyond its breaking point. High speed chases, drug busts, and property damages have become part of everyday life in my district.

This is no coincidence. It is a direct result of the Biden administration's refusal to enforce our immigration laws, and in many cases, undo them

completely. President Biden's reckless Executive Orders have incentivized chain migration like never before.

Under Biden's open border policies, close to two million 'asylum seekers' from over 150 countries have been admitted to the United States. Though most fail to qualify for that status, they will remain in the country for an average of seven years until their cases

For perspective, Eagle Pass, TX, with a population of 30,000, is receiving up to 10,000 migrants in a single week.

With law enforcement tied up in migrant processing centers, drug crossings have also proliferated. Just this month, Customs officers at the Del Rio Port of Entry seized \$11.9 million in methamphetamine, the largest narcotics seizure in port history.

John Cornyn (R-TX) and two Democratic counterparts, we have introduced the Bipartisan Border Solutions Act. It hires additional ICE and CBP staff with the mission of getting Border Patrol agents out of migrant processing centers and back on the front lines. It speeds up deportations of those without legitimate asylum claims. In addition, I have introduced the Security First Act to allocate



make their way through our backlogged immigration courts. Even if they are denied, there is no guarantee they will be deported. This is a broken system.

This administration made things even worse when they cancelled the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) last month. This program, also known as the 'Remain in Mexico' policy, was implemented in 2019 to keep migrant caravans from overwhelming Border Patrol and our local communities.

Through this initiative, migrants waited out the length of their asylum determinations in Mexican border towns, eliminating a free pass for a long-term stay in the U.S. Since the Biden administration suspended this policy, illegal crossings have spiked.

We are seeing a historic uptick in drug and human trafficking, yet Border Patrol continues to be understaffed and underfunded. A decade ago, Congress provided for a mandatory staffing floor of 21,370 Border Patrol agents. In recent years, we have been operating at 2,000 below that number. It is critical we have proper staffing levels to combat this crisis.

We must also ensure our men and women in green have access to top-notch technology to assist them with their mission to protect America. These tools are force multipliers that provide field awareness and improve agent safety.

After almost two years of chaos at our southern border, it is time for Congress to take action. Together, with Sen.

more funding for Operation Stonegarden - a federal grant that enables local law enforcement support Border Patrol's enforcement efforts.

The time for talk is over, the time for action is now. When Republicans win the majority, we are ready to act on day one to implement real, common-sense solutions to save America. Who's in?

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Not one more penny for deadly border policies



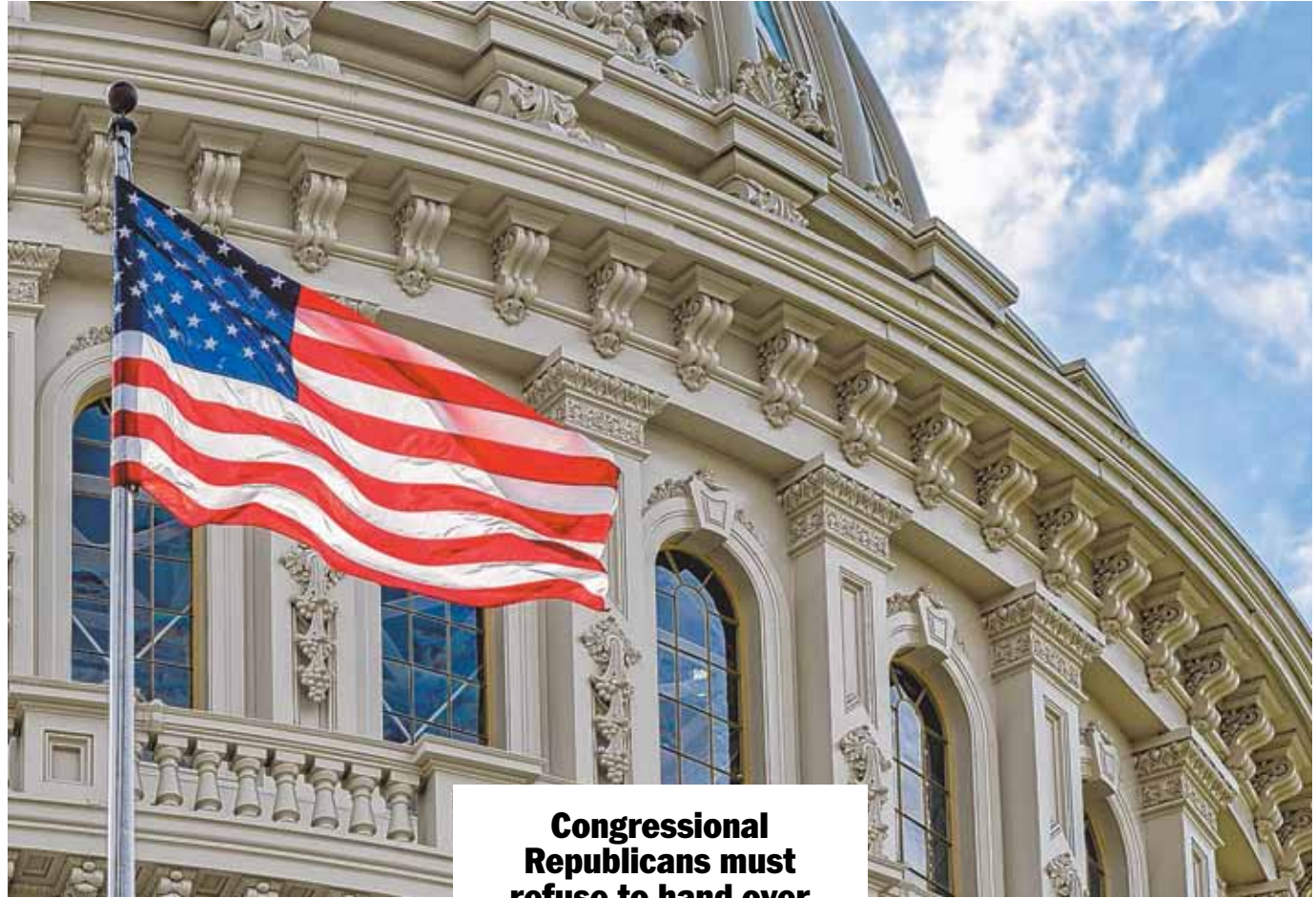
By U.S. Rep. Chip Roy

Republicans often talk about the border crisis, and they love to make campaign promises in response to the thousands of Americans and migrants dead at the hands of violent cartels, drug smugglers, and human traffickers. Some, myself included, fire off tweets to catch the attention of various “leaders” including Vice President Kamala Harris and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and to demand they address the chaos at our border. Sometimes they even travel to the border to see it for themselves, or to say they “saw” it for themselves in mere hours while posing for photo ops.

Yet when back in Washington, the high-ranking officials of the Biden administration continue to turn a blind eye to the dismal realities presented at the southern border, and too many of those same Republicans mentioned above vote to fund the policies stoking this crisis.

Make no mistake: this border crisis – and future such border crises – can be avoided with policy changes. The Biden administration, including Harris and Mayorkas, know that but are instead deliberately handing control of our border to cartels while Congress just sits on their hands and talks. The federal government – including Congress – can fix this crisis. We know how to do it: build the border wall and navigable roads for Border Patrol, require the turn away of illegal migrants at the border and fix loopholes that allow for abuses and releases, empower ICE to enforce our laws, and importantly, target and put a stop to dangerous cartels.

The founders gave Congress the power of the purse for a reason – it’s the foremost way to check an abusive executive branch. It’s time we use it. Congressional Republicans must refuse to hand over another hard-earned taxpayer dollar to Biden’s DHS and ICE until they cease undermining national sovereignty by letting record-high numbers of cartels, terrorists, fentanyl, and illegal



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migrants flood our border. No more blank checks for this administration’s reckless and tyrannical agenda.

Any Republican who votes to give nearly \$60 billion to a DHS that has released over one million illegal migrants into the interior US, attacked Border Patrol agents over false “whipping migrants” accusations, and whose Secretary Mayorkas blatantly lied to Congress by claiming he had “operational control” of the border, is complicit in their tyranny. Any Republican who funds ICE to the tune of billions more is partially responsible for their failure to remove illegal aliens in accordance with the law — which led to the lowest number of deportations in 26 years last year.

And what are we funding? Since Biden took office, Border Patrol has encountered over 3.3 million illegal migrants at our southern border – including up to 81 suspected terrorists – and DHS has released over one million into the US. Over two million migrants have illegally entered the US so far this fiscal year – the highest number seen at the border in DHS history. And that’s not counting the at least 900,000 known “go-taways.” This administration’s policies also empowered cartels to bring record-breaking amounts of lethal fentanyl across our border, this while record numbers of Americans are dying from fentanyl “poisonings.” Just last year, over 71,000 Americans died from fentanyl

related overdoses and poisonings.

Emboldened by the Biden administration, cartels are unafraid of trafficking humans and drugs even in the heart of our nation’s capital. Indeed, less than two months ago, authorities discovered 73 migrants — including 13 children — along with cash and cocaine in a stash house in an upscale neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Just weeks before, cartels left smuggled migrants to suffocate to death in a trailer in San Antonio, leading to the death of 53 migrants, and the deadliest-known human smuggling incident in U.S. history.

Enough. James Madison wrote in Federalist 58 that the House’s power of the purse was “the most complete and effectual weapon with which any constitution can arm the immediate representatives of the people.” More of my Republican colleagues ought to heed those words.

It is time for us to stand firm, reject any Democrat spending bill that continues these disastrous and deadly cartel-empowering border policies, and withhold funding until necessary policy changes to end this border crisis are secured.

Here’s my promise to my constituents in Texas’ 21st district: I will not vote for a single additional penny for open borders. Not one more penny to empower violent cartels, gang members, and terrorists to run amok in border communities. Not one more penny for this administration to let cartels smuggle deadly fentanyl into our communities and schools.

How many of my colleagues will join me?

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The disintegration of America stems from Biden's border



By U.S. Rep. Andy Biggs

Nations that disintegrate suffer many pathologies, one of which is the deterioration of national territorial integrity.

The Biden administration is willfully eroding our southern border and consequently facilitating the disintegration of the American state.

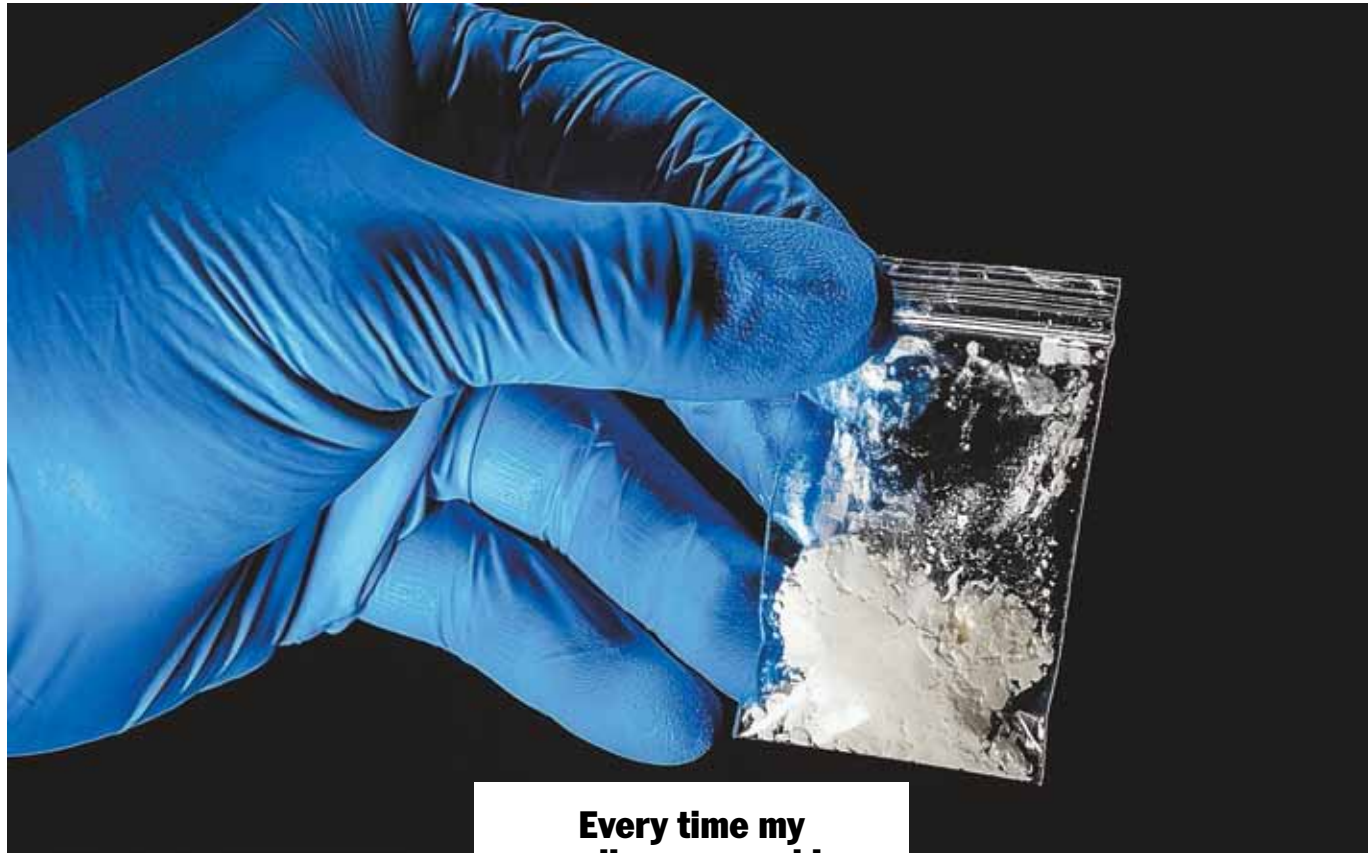
The open border policy of Biden's regime allows individuals from virtually every country in the world to simply walk across our southern border, between the ports of entry. One estimate is that there are almost 5 million people who have illegally entered the country since Biden's inauguration.

On a recent trip to the border I took several congressional colleagues: Representatives Mark Green (R-TN), Tom McClintock (R-CA), Mike Flood (R-NE), and Matt Rosendale (R-MT). Every time my colleagues and I go to the border, the conditions have worsened.

As always, we observed the fence started by President Trump and abruptly halted by Biden. Gaps in the fence, at strategic locations, allow Mexican criminal organizations (cartels) to traffic people and drugs with impunity. In fact, in one location we spotted a cartel spy on a hill near a location where Biden had stopped fence construction.

The lack of a fence is deeply troubling. It's why I've introduced legislation titled the Fund and Complete Border Wall Act so that we establish a separate account in the Treasury to hold deposits that can be used to add more fencing quickly. We cannot wait to act on it.

In Yuma, Arizona, the temperatures soared above 116 degrees one afternoon. We supposed that no one would cross during the desert heat, but we watched a family of three surrendering to our Border Patrol agents after simply walking across an unfenced area. Where were they from? Russia. And, no doubt they



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were released into the interior of the United States within a few days, without a COVID test, other medical tests, and adequate vetting of their backgrounds.

Only 11% of border crossers in the Yuma Sector are denied entry. The remaining 89% are ultimately processed and released into the United States. This indicates that illegal aliens with meritless asylum claims are allowed entry into our country. My Stopping Border Surges Act cracks down on this practice and helps promote increased integrity in the asylum system.

Once released, illegal aliens are flown or bussed throughout the country. They are allowed to work, go to school, and receive free medical care.

Again, in Yuma, the small city's (population of about 100,000) regional hospital is having to absorb millions of dollars to care for the illegal aliens that find their way into the maternity ward and emergency department.

Every day at least ten illegal aliens enter the Yuma Regional Hospital emergency room. Another four to five women enter the maternity ward. These people are illegally in the United States and are transients moving through the Yuma community. The cost of medical services used through six months of 2022: \$20.4 million. The Biden administration won't pay it, and frankly doesn't care about the financial distress being imposed on the Yuma hospital...or, any medical provider

in any other American community.

The Biden regime has promoted the importation of illegally produced and transported drugs, including the lethal fentanyl. The result has been tens of thousands of deaths throughout the country. Record amounts of drugs have been interdicted, says Biden. But, the fact that we are only stopping about 10% of drugs coming into the country indicates that more deadly drugs than ever are flooding America thanks to Biden's desire for open borders.

We have seen more individuals on the terrorist watch list caught. More people with violent criminal records have been arrested. More gang members, too. Many have been released into the country without restriction.

Even then, our ability to check backgrounds is almost exclusively limited to whether the individual has a U.S. criminal history. Most countries either don't keep adequate or won't share criminal histories with the United States.

The processing facility in Yuma is designed for 1,200 people. On the day we were there, a slow day, there were more than 2,300 people crammed in. Most would be released within 48 hours.

From midnight to 8:00 am there had

already been more than 600 surrenders to the Border Patrol. Yuma had been hitting more than 1,000 encounters per day for the week before we arrived.

And, that's only the number of people who were apprehended. Every day thousands of people sneak into the country. An estimated one million have covertly entered America under the Biden regime.

With it being so easy to enter the United States illegally under Biden, only the most nefarious of individuals, with the most malevolent intentions would feel impelled to sneak across and attempt to avoid arrest.

Who might these be? Drug traffickers, terrorists, human and sex traffickers. In other words, the worst of the worst.

If loss of territorial integrity is indicia of national disintegration, then the Biden team has strongly put forward evidence of its intention to attack the sovereignty and essence of the United States.

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Biden's border invasion undermines legal immigration



By U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar, D.D.S.

The Biden administration recently released data showing nearly 200,000 illegal aliens crossed the southern border in July 2022, marking the seventeenth straight month that more than 150,000 illegal aliens crossed the southern border.

During a recent press conference, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre claimed that illegal aliens are not “walking across the border” and further claimed that the Biden administration has “a plan in place” to stop the invasion of illegal aliens rushing our border. Both statements are outright lies.

The Biden administration has no plan to combat this invasion. Each month that passes, the crisis reaches a new level and Yuma, Arizona, in my district is ground

zero, as hundreds of illegal aliens known as “gotaways” simply walk across the border every single day. Yes, Karine Jean-Pierre, walk across.

Unlike Joe Biden, I have been to the border in Yuma, Arizona, many times and have witnessed streams of illegals, guided by human traffickers, wandering across the border. Many merely walk past our overwhelmed Border Patrol agents. In fact, Biden's own Department of Homeland Security estimates that more than 500,000 “gotaways” have walked across the border so far this year in addition to the nearly 400,000 “gotaways” estimated to have walked across in 2021, when Biden's reckless open border policies were first implemented.

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The unfortunate truth is that Yuma, Arizona and much of America is under siege because Mr. Biden is actively encouraging the lawlessness taking place along the border. Since Biden and the open border democrats took over in January 2021, they have facilitated an invasion of our sovereign borders of more than 4.2 million illegal aliens. Included in this invasion are terrorists - over five dozen documented so far, drug traffickers, sex traffickers and common criminals.

In response, I introduced H.R. 4643, legislation prohibiting the admission of

aliens to the United States for 10 years. Our nation cannot afford to accommodate unprecedented levels of any type of immigration when our porous southern border and broken immigration system work in tandem to prioritize illegal immigrants over legal ones. Those who wait in line, respect the rule of law, and economically contribute to our nation, are undermined by unfettered illegal immigration.

Sadly, one of the many deeply troubling consequences of Joe Biden's open border policies is the deadly flow of fentanyl smuggled across the border in record amounts from Mexico. More than 2,000 pounds of fentanyl were seized by border officials in July 2022. That's enough to kill 469 million people,

or substantially more than the entire population of our country. U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported a 134% increase in fentanyl seizures last year compared to 2020. Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45 years old.

Earlier this year, I conducted a roundtable discussion in Arizona about the fentanyl crisis and our open border. Many law enforcement officers attended and heard the gut-wrenching testimony from the families of children who were poisoned to death by fentanyl. We must

get tough on those criminals that are contributing to this drug crisis. I recently introduced H.R. 8228, legislation that would punish anyone who knowingly traffics fentanyl with the death penalty or life in prison. These drugs are killing our loved ones and plaguing communities all across America, not just in Arizona. Instead of reducing prison sentences for drug offenders, it is long past time that those responsible for manufacturing or knowingly distributing fentanyl pay a heavy price.

The situation at the southern border is dire. Mr. Biden's open border policies are a welcome invitation to criminals and drug cartels to cross into our country unchecked. Joe Biden refuses to protect the people of America and he has lost the trust of its citizens. It is no wonder states like Arizona are now completing the wall themselves to stop the invasion. Arizonans have had enough and are taking matters into their own hands.

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Support and provide resources to border patrol agents to avoid catastrophe



By U.S. Rep. Diana Harshbarger

Throughout my lifetime, I have held many titles: pharmacist, small business owner, Congresswoman, wife, mother, and grandmother. Of those, I am most proud of the privilege to be a mother and grandmother, a responsibility that inspired me to continue a career of service and to take action to protect my loved ones from dangerously irresponsible policy. The crisis at our southern border is a prime example of the dangers of failed leadership; this immigration catastrophe has put my family and yours in dire jeopardy.

Parents across the nation are increasingly worried about the health and safety of our future generations, as am I! The crime, drugs, and perversion that crosses through our southern border steals the lives of too many Americans every day, and the deadly repercussions are only worsening.

I have seized the opportunity to personally witness the atrocities at the United States/Mexico border twice in my short time in Congress. Double the amount of times that our Commander in Chief and Border Czar have made the trip. What I experienced was not only shocking but deeply haunting. I heard numerous testimonials from U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents about the countless “got-aways” that disappear into our nation without vaccinations, documentation, or background information. To put it simply, thousands of illegal immigrants are crossing our southern border every day, and we have no way of knowing who they are, where they are going, or if they have a criminal record.

In less than one year, 66 individuals on the FBI’s terror watchlist have made their way into our neighborhoods. Seasoned criminals, many of them young men traveling alone, have settled in communities near you. In Sacramento, a man from Mexico brutally murdered



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his three young daughters after entering this country illegally, and in Tallahassee, an illegal immigrant from Haiti killed two Floridians after previously being charged and released in California. These stories of violence are too many to list and too heartbreaking to allow to continue.

This influx of crime and violence is the consequence of the Biden administration’s open border policies and refusal to provide our border patrol agents with the resources they need to protect us. The border crisis is more

are quickly becoming billion-dollar criminal empires.

As a pharmacist for over 30 years, concern for the well-being of my friends, families, and communities’ health has been an integral part of my life. As a member of Congress and member of the Republican Doctors Caucus, my responsibility for the health and safety of American families has only grown.

It terrifies and breaks my heart to hear the stories of numerous parents who have lost their children to deadly fentanyl analogues. Disguised as

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than just an immigration crisis, our wide-open border is a direct threat to our sovereignty, national security, and the lives of every American.

Illegally residing criminals are not the only side effect of this border crisis. The horrifying amounts of deadly illicit fentanyl analogues coursing through the southern border has caused this substance to become the leading cause of overdose deaths in our nation. As our children die, Mexican cartels, working with rogue actors in Communist China,

rainbow-colored pills, candy, and readily available medication, this fatal drug is tearing through our neighborhoods and ripping loved ones from their families.

To put the dangers of this synthetic opioid substance into perspective, a lethal dose is often the size of only two grains of salt and is hundreds of times more potent than morphine. This drug is often mixed with other illegal substances such as methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine, increasing the interaction with this fatal drug.

Make no mistake, this staggering crisis was entirely preventable. By simply closing the southern border, supporting and adequately resourcing our border patrol, and strengthening our immigration policy, our nation would have been spared from the death and disaster we’ve weathered over the last twenty months.

A nation without borders is not a nation at all. This horrifying realization should be more than enough motivation for our White House and Congress to take swift action to stop this threat to our republic and, moreover, save lives.

The American people are poised to send a strong wake-up call at the ballot box this November for those turning their heads from this invasive crisis. It’s high time we put America first, defend this great nation’s sovereignty, and protect the futures of our children and grandchildren.

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A nation without borders will cease to be a nation



By U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock

When Donald Trump left office, we had restored operational control of our southern border. The wall was nearing completion. Court ordered deportations were finally being enforced. The Migrant Protection Protocols negotiated with Mexico had reduced the number of fraudulent asylum claims to a trickle.

Without enforcing our immigration laws, we effectively have no borders.

All that Biden needed to do was to continue these policies. Instead, he reversed them on his first day in office. He ordered the border wall to be abandoned, leaving construction gaps that make it useless. He ordered ICE to cease enforcing the law. He ended Trump's remain-in-Mexico policy. And he sent a clear and unmistakable message heard around the world: America is now a nation without borders.

The numbers are staggering. In 20 months, nearly one and a half million illegal migrants have been deliberately admitted into our country and trafficked throughout it at taxpayer expense. While the border patrol was overwhelmed processing this illegal mass migration, another one million or more entered without ever encountering the border patrol.

In other words, the Biden administration has added an illegal population the size of Delaware, Vermont and South Dakota COMBINED. No civilization has survived a mass migration of this magnitude. Gallup reports there are 42 million people living in poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean who want to come to the United States. And they are

How are our schools made better by packing classrooms with non-English speaking students? How are our hospitals made more accessible by overwhelming emergency rooms with illegals demanding care? How is the social safety net for Americans strengthened by admitting millions of impoverished dependents? How are our communities made safer by refus-

administration. On a recent border trip to the Yuma sector, rank and file border patrol officers told me that their orders are to process as many illegal migrants into the United States as quickly as possible.

Second, this crisis could be stopped immediately by a president who respects his constitutional duty "to take care that the laws be faithfully

Once our current laws are being enforced, the abuse of our asylum laws must end. When legitimate asylum claimants cross out of the country that is persecuting them, they have achieved asylum and should only be allowed to make a claim in that country. The Flores Settlement, which limits the ability of the federal government to detain families with minors, needs to be repealed in



ing to deport criminal aliens? How are working families' wages improved by flooding the labor market with desperate illegal labor?

How are the migrants helped by placing themselves and their children into the hands of criminal cartels? How are they aided by being encouraged to undertake the treacherous trip that has killed over 750 migrants so far this year? How are migrant children protected by placing them in the hands of criminal cartels and releasing them in the United States with no follow-up as to their welfare? How are legitimate asylum claimants helped by swamping the system with fraudulent claims? How are legal immigrants helped by the proliferation of violent gangs in their neighborhoods?

Two things should be obvious. First, this is a deliberate policy by this

executed." When I have asked what changes need to be made to our current laws to stop this invasion, these officers have said that it's not a matter of changing law - it is a matter of enforcing it. Trump did, and illegal crossings dropped precipitously. They also pleaded Congress not to provide more funding, since it would be used solely to expedite processing into the interior. As one said, CBP has become a travel agency for the cartels to complete their human trafficking to communities throughout the United States.

But there is much the Congress could do to restore our nation's borders even while Biden still controls the White House. On the top of the list is to fully restore and require the Trump Migrant Protection Protocols and complete the border wall as a condition of any further funding.

favor of upholding the law that requires detaining all illegal crossers until their cases are resolved.

Without enforcing our immigration laws, we effectively have no borders. And if we have no borders, we cease to be a nation and instead become a vast international territory between Canada and Mexico.

That is now happening with astonishing speed, and we are fast running out of time to avoid joining the long list of civilizations that fell because they could not or would not secure their borders. Let that not be the epitaph of America.

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