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The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler
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Dear Chairman Nadler:

The humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border is the direct result of President Biden's abrupt reversal of President Trump's successful immigration policies. The Judiciary Committee—the committee with jurisdiction over our nation's immigration laws and programs—cannot ignore this crisis. Because Democrats refuse to act, we write to notify you that Committee Republicans intend to travel to the southern border in the coming weeks to hear directly from individuals affected by the Biden border crisis.

In February 2021, Committee Republicans issued a report warning that the Biden Administration's policies would incentivize a flood of illegal immigration.¹ The Biden Administration ignored our warnings. In the past weeks, as the Biden border crisis has worsened, Committee Republicans have written several times urging the Committee to address the crisis.² Democrats have ignored our requests.

President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas's radical policies have caused the crisis at the border. Each day seems to bring a shocking new revelation about how the crisis is worsened by the Biden Administration's failures of leadership. Because you refuse to convene a hearing to address this crisis—or, in fact, convene *any* full committee hearing—Republican Members are compelled to take matters into our own hands. We will therefore plan to use Committee funds to travel to the southern border to observe firsthand what Democrats refuse to acknowledge and hear directly from those affected by the Biden border crisis. We welcome any Democrat colleagues on the Committee to join us.

¹ Rep. Jim Jordan & Rep. Tom McClintock, How the Biden Administration's Immigration Policies Risk Undoing the Successes of the Trump Administration (Feb. 8, 2021).

² See Letter from Rep. Andy Biggs et al. to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (Mar. 18, 2021); Letter from Rep. Tom McClintock et al. to Rep. Zoe Lofgren (Mar. 12, 2021); letter from Rep. Tom McClintock et al. to Rep. Zoe Lofgren (Mar. 4, 2021).

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The Biden border crisis is real and unfortunately getting worse. The Committee cannot continue to sit idly by and allow our nation's borders to be erased. This crisis demands the Committee's attention. The American people deserve far better than for Committee Democrats to ignore this threat to our national security, condone the worsening humanitarian crisis, and allow the Biden Administration to radically rewrite our immigration policies.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Tom McClintock
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Immigration
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cc: The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Chair, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship