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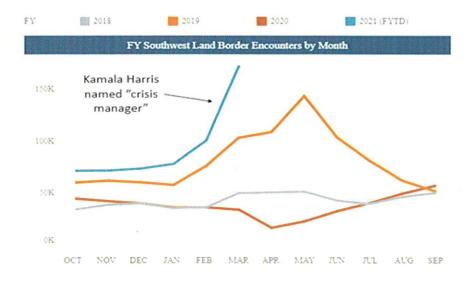
Re: Invitation to Inspect Border Situation in Yuma, Arizona

Dear Mr. Biden:

Exactly 30 days ago, I invited you to visit Yuma County, located near Mexico in the southern portion of my district in Arizona, to view firsthand the health, humanitarian, and security crisis on the border. This invitation to inspect is as urgent as it is sincere.

Since that time, the crisis along the southern border has only gotten substantially worse. Illegal alien crossings are at a 15-year high. Border facilities are now 1700% over capacity, and this year 5,018 illegal aliens crossed the border who have been convicted of a host of crimes including assault, robbery, drug trafficking and sexual offenses.

Approximately 20 days ago, you named Kamala Harris as your "crisis manager" for the border crisis created in January. Mrs. Harris has not acted to address the crisis. Indeed, under her watch, the problem has gotten dramatically worse.



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We are informed by the DHS that as many as 20,000 illegal immigrants have escaped into the U.S. since Harris was tapped, with an estimated 1,000 illegal aliens crossing the border daily, unpursued.

In addition, reports that there were 172,331 border apprehensions in March, 3.3 times the 2017-2020 average, are troubling. The DHS also recently apprehended terrorists on the FBI wanted list. Combined with the 19,000 unaccompanied migrant children taken into custody in March, the highest monthly total in the history of the United States, the situation is charitably called a disaster. I personally have seen children coming to Yuma, being trafficked by cartel coyotes, with no blood relatives.

Even the <u>New York Times</u>, long a dedicated open border advocacy group, detailed the "terrifying" realities of the border crisis created under your Administration. Your recent request searching for "volunteers" to care for as many as 35,000 unaccompanied minors and offering federal employees up to 4 months of paid leave to "volunteer" is unprecedented and wasteful. The United States is not a dumping ground for drugs, criminals, and sex workers. This needs to stop. We need order restored to the border and we need the faithful execution of existing federal laws.

Despite the sincerity of my invitation, I have not received any formal response from you to my March 18 letter. Given the ongoing public health, humanitarian, and security crisis, I am writing to once again invite you, and Mrs. Harris, to visit Yuma County to see first-hand what my district and constituents are experiencing from this unprecedented surge of illegal alien border crossings.

As stated in my previous correspondence, I hope you will accept my invitation. I will make myself available anytime your schedule allows.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. Member of Congress