

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2024

Michael G. Whitaker
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Administrator Whitaker:

We write to express our concerns regarding reports that airports under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are being utilized as housing facilities for individuals who have entered the United States illegally.

Several of our nation's busiest airports, including Boston Logan, Atlanta, and Chicago O'Hare, are hosting thousands of illegal immigrants. These airports are designed as crucial transportation hubs, facilitating the seamless movement of passengers and goods. It is troubling to observe taxpayer-funded facilities originally intended for air travel and commerce being repurposed to house illegal immigrants.

We are alarmed about the logistics and security implications of housing illegal immigrants within airport premises. Airports are intricately designed for the streamlined movement of passengers, baggage, and aircraft. Introducing a large illegal immigrant population to an airport will strain existing logistical frameworks. Security protocols, already stringent within airport environments, will also be challenged with accommodating individuals residing on-site for extended periods.

Furthermore, the close proximity of illegal immigrants to critical aviation infrastructure poses security risks, as it could inadvertently compromise safety measures. The need for robust logistical and security structures is essential to ensure the integrity of both airport operations.

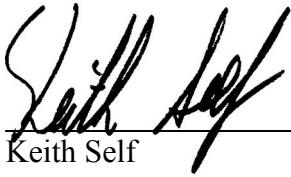
We ask that you answer the following questions:

1. Under what authority does the FAA have the power to use airports for housing purposes, especially considering the primary function of these facilities as transportation hubs?
2. How does the FAA ensure the security and integrity of airport operations when hosting thousands of illegal immigrants?
3. Can the FAA provide details regarding the specific areas or zones within the airports where the illegal immigrants are currently being housed?

It is imperative that the FAA operates within the bounds of the law and ensures that airports remain dedicated to their primary functions of facilitating air travel and commerce. We urge you to provide immediate answers to these pressing questions and take necessary steps to address this alarming situation.

Failure to address these concerns undermines the integrity of our immigration system and raises serious questions about the priorities of the FAA. I look forward to receiving your response within 30 days.

Sincerely,



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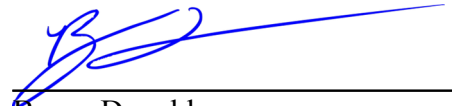
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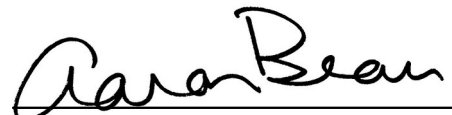
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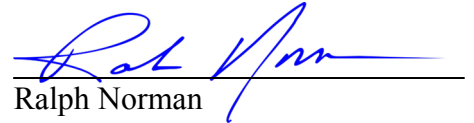
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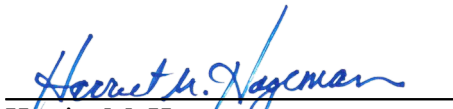
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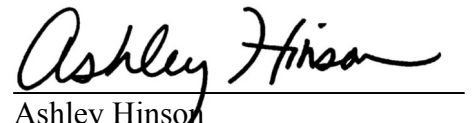
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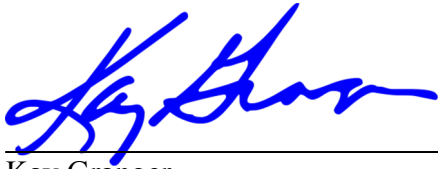
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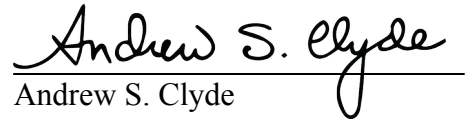
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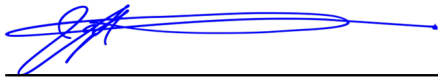
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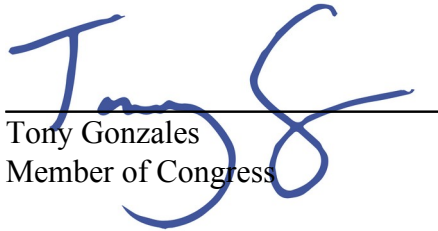
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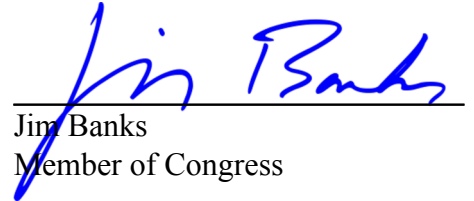
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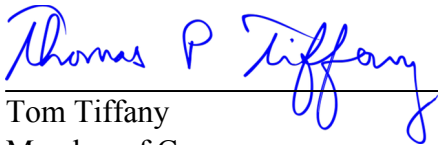
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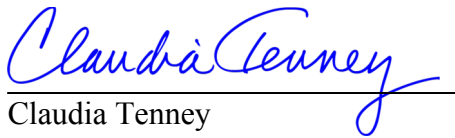
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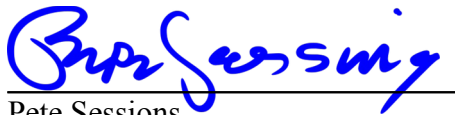
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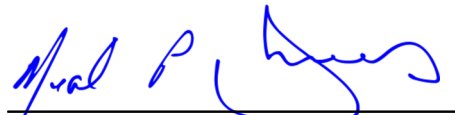
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