

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 8, 2024

Troy A. Miller
Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Mr. Miller,

We write today to express our grave concerns over the Biden administration's actions to fly approximately 320,000 illegal immigrants¹ from Latin American airports to 43 cities across the United States. These secretive flights have compounded the effects of the already historic crisis at the Southern Border. We urge you to provide Congress and the American people with information as to where these illegal immigrants have been deposited into the country and immediately terminate this practice.

Since the start of the Biden administration, there have been over 7.2 million illegal crossings² at our Southern Border and over 1.8 million gotaways³ who have evaded U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In January alone, there were 176,205 illegal immigrants⁴ encountered at the Southern Border. While illegal immigrants have been pouring over the Southern Border, President Biden has only added to this disastrous influx that our country cannot sustain by flying illegal immigrants into the United States.

According to an article from March 4, 2024⁵, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit by the Center for Immigration Studies has revealed how CBP has allowed for secret flights to be arranged to import illegal aliens from Latin America straight into communities throughout the United States. The Biden administration's usage of the CBP One mobile application has exasperated this deposit of illegal immigrants in our country.

Under the Biden administration, 340 individuals⁶ whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist were stopped at the Southern Border. So far in Fiscal Year 2024, there have been 58 individuals⁷ whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist who have been stopped trying to enter the U.S. illegally between ports of entry at the Southern Border. We are concerned that there could be additional illegal immigrants on the terrorist watch list who could be flown into cities across the United States. The recent murder of Laken Riley by an illegal

¹ Todd Bensman, *Government Admission: Biden Parole Flights Create Security 'Vulnerabilities' at U.S. Airports*, CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (March 4, 2024).

² U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, SOUTHWEST LAND BORDER ENCOUNTERS, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

³ HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE. (February 29, 2024). Biden's White House Now Calls Illegal Immigrants "Newcomers" [Press release]. Biden's White House Now Calls Illegal Immigrants "Newcomers" | U.S. Representative (gop.gov)

⁴ U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, SOUTHWEST LAND BORDER ENCOUNTERS, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

⁵ Todd Bensman, *Government Admission: Biden Parole Flights Create Security 'Vulnerabilities' at U.S. Airports*, CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (March 4, 2024).

⁶ U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, CBP ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>

⁷*Id.*

immigrant highlights the senseless and destructive policies put in place by the Biden administration. The American people cannot afford more tragedies due to immigrants entering our country illegally.

To this end, we demand you put an end to this practice and submit answers to the following questions in writing by March 22, 2024:

1. What prompted this practice of flying illegal immigrants into the United States from Latin America?
2. What airports were illegal immigrants flown into between the dates of January 20, 2021, and March 8, 2024?
3. On what dates did these flights occur?
4. What nations were these illegal immigrants from who came to the United States on these flights?
5. What was the total cost of these flights?
6. Who within CBP is responsible for overseeing this program?

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 PM on March 22, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Annie Barletta at annie.barletta@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress



Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress



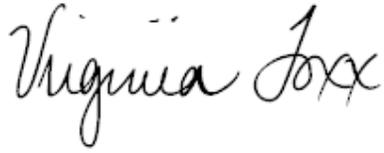
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