

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Madam Speaker:

We write to you with extreme concern regarding the border crisis, the increased numbers of unaccompanied children (UCs) who are being kept in untenable conditions, and your actions in defending President Biden's response. This an out of control humanitarian crisis brought on by President Biden's open border policy and a lack of action in bringing solutions forward in the House.

In 2019, in response to a question regarding President Trump's immigration policies, you stated "If you start endangering children, I become a lioness."¹ President Biden has thousands of children locked in overcrowded facilities while a pandemic is ongoing, with limited COVID-19 testing, no social distancing or other COVID-19 mitigation measures in place. In March alone, Border Patrol agents encountered an unsurpassed record of 18,663 UCs coming into the country. Even with these figures, you recently claimed we are on a "good path" at the border.²

We ask you Speaker Pelosi – when will you become a lioness and take a stand against the Biden Administration's disastrous policies?

Since day one, President Biden has taken action remove President Trump's immigration and border security measures that resulted in a dramatic reduction of illegal crossings. The President, and your caucus, has worked to ease immigration controls and Immigration and Customs Enforcement's capabilities, instituted a moratorium on deportations, ended President Trump's "wait in Mexico policy", and ceased construction of the greatly effective border wall³. President Biden has even openly invited immigrants to illegally cross our southern border, telling them "you should come" during a Presidential debate in 2020.⁴

When President Trump was in office, we faced a surge in immigration that resulted in UCs being kept in overcrowded facilities without proper care. You and your Democrat colleagues protested

¹ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/nancy-pelosi-speaks-as-senate-forces-border-bill-showdown-today-2019-06-27-live-stream/>

² <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/pelosi-u-s-on-good-path-at-southern-border-under-president-bidens-leadership/>

³ <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/biden-immigration-policies-cause-predictable-border-crisis-why-didnt-t-ncna1260992>

⁴ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/border-crisis-biden-you-should-come-debate>

the treatment of these children, and President Trump's Administration acted quickly to stop the surge. Now that President Biden is in office, you have refused to acknowledge the problem or work with Republicans to stop the surge of illegal immigrants and improve policies for the care of UCs. As your position seems to have shifted with the change in administrations, we hope you will see and recognize the dangers along our southern border.

While this Administration has refused to acknowledge the growing crisis at the border, states along the southwestern border, along with the federal agencies operating there, have been overwhelmed with the surge in illegal immigrants. Republicans in Congress have continued to raise concerns about the growing number of UCs, the surge of immigrants, and the conditions they are kept in.

When will you set aside your partisanship, acknowledge the disaster at the border, and work with us to address this surge?

Sincerely,



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