



December 1, 2022

Dear Congressional Leaders,

The 118th Congress will gavel in during the midst of the worst border crisis in American history, entirely caused by the Biden Administration's open-borders policies and the complete and utter failure of the 117th Congress to hold them accountable.

Despite what those on the left and in the media may say, the American people firmly oppose President Biden's open-borders policies and want the crisis to end. In fact, [national exit polling](#) revealed that a decisive 62% of the electorate believes that Congress should focus on securing the border and enforcing our immigration laws, not rewarding those who violated them.

In May, we sent you a [letter](#) that called for immediate passage of a strong and effective border security legislation in the new Congress. That continues to be our expectation and we stand ready to assist in this effort.

The first step in reaching this goal, however, must be to stop the problem from getting worse. In particular, we are deeply concerned about the immediate danger posed by the lame-duck session of Congress that is now underway. Even though power is about to

change hands in one chamber, various media outlets report there will be attempts to push damaging immigration legislation such as a mass amnesty and increased immigration through Congress over the next few weeks.

According to the same national exit poll, amnesty for illegal aliens is nearly dead last on the list of the American people's immigration priorities, with only 8.8% of voters saying that granting legal status to people in the country illegally should be at the top of Congress' to-do list on immigration.

We therefore ask that you take all actions necessary to stop these efforts. We urge you to show the American people that you stand with them by rejecting special interest legislation and instead taking immediate steps to reverse this crisis and restore law and order to our immigration system. As we set forth in our previous letter, that will require the new Congress to pass a strong border security bill, undertake aggressive oversight, and use purse-string authority to rescind funds that further Biden's open-borders agenda.

Do not allow special interests to take advantage of the lame-duck session to pass their bankrupt immigration agenda and throw average Americans under the bus. The American people are, after all, the ultimate stakeholders in our immigration system. They have voiced their will and we urge you to respect it.

Sincerely,

Organizations

Advocates for Victims of Illegal Alien Crime

America First Policy Institute

Center for Renewing America

Center for the American Way of Life

Claremont Institute

Conservative Partnership Institute

Counterpoint Institute for Policy, Research, and Education

Eagle Forum

Federation for American Immigration Reform

Heritage Action for America

The Heritage Foundation

Judicial Watch

NumbersUSA

The Remembrance Project

Texas Public Policy Foundation

Senior Officials (Listed with Former Title)

Chad Wolf, *Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security*

Christopher Landau, *United States Ambassador to Mexico*

Derek Maltz, *Director of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Special Operations Division*

Gene Hamilton, *Counselor to the Attorney General, Senior Counselor to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security*

Joseph Edlow, *Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services*

Ken Cuccinelli, *Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security*

Lamar Smith, *Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and its Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship*

Mark Meadows, *Chief of Staff to the President of the United States*

Mark Morgan, *Acting Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection*

Rodney Scott, *Chief of the Border Patrol*

Russ Vought, *Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget*

Tom Homan, *Acting Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement*