



**Homeland
Security**

September 14, 2023

The Honorable Mark E. Green
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Green:

Thank you for your letter from August 16, 2023, inviting Secretary Mayorkas to testify before the Committee during the week of October 23, 2023. I am responding on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

DHS recognizes and values the importance of Congressional oversight and has consistently sought to engage robustly with the Committee through participation in hearings, briefings, and transcribed interviews, as well as through the production of documents and information. Similarly, DHS appreciates the Committee's focus on border security. Border security is an essential aspect of DHS' core mission, and an integral component of understanding the full spectrum of potential threats facing our homeland. For many years, DHS, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and our partners in the Intelligence Community, has participated in the annual Worldwide Threats Hearing before both the Senate Homeland Security and Government Accountability Committee and the House Committee on Homeland Security. This year, the Senate hearing has been scheduled for October 31, 2023, and our staff is awaiting potential dates from your Committee to schedule the House hearing. We believe that the Worldwide Threats hearing would be the appropriate forum to discuss border security issues and look forward to participating in it when scheduled.

Thank you again for your invitation. Should you wish to discuss this or any homeland security issue, please contact the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs, (202) 447-5890.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zephra Buetow". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Zephra Buetow
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs