

One Hundred Eighteenth Congress Committee on Homeland Security U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas Secretary U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

I am in receipt of your response to my letter requesting your appearance before the Committee on Homeland Security to testify at our January 18th hearing. I was looking forward to your in-person testimony and am disappointed that you declined to appear.

As stated in earlier letters to you, your perspective on the crisis at the border and actions you have taken as secretary are valuable for the Members of the Committee and the American public to hear. Regretfully, every invitation for almost half a year we extended to you to testify focused specifically on the border crisis has been rejected or subject to endless delay tactics. Since you continue to decline to come in person, I invite you to submit written testimony for the January 18th hearing record, so that our Committee Members may hear from you directly.

If you accept my invitation, please submit your testimony to the Committee's Chief Clerk, Sean Corcoran, at <u>sean.corcoran@mail.house.gov</u>. The official hearing record will be held open for 10 days following the conclusion of the hearing.

The Committee sincerely hopes that you will accept this invitation.

Sincerely,

Marl E Green

Mark E. Green, M.D. Chairman Committee on Homeland Security

cc: The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member Committee on Homeland Security