CHAIRMAN MARK E. GREEN, MD STARTLING STATS

## Encounters at the Southwest Border onThe Rise Again—Just Days Before Secretary Mayorkas Will Testify On Woefully Inadequate FY24 Border Security Budget



## MARCH FY2022 ENCOUNTERS 222,574

## MARCH FY2021 ENCOUNTERS 173,277

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) had 191,899 alien encounters along the Southwest Border (SWB) in March 2023 - up almost 24\% from the previous month.
- This total includes 133,292 single adults, 45,964 family unit individuals, and 12,374 unaccompanied children.
- The percentage of illegal alien encounters between ports of entry increased $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ from the previous month totaling 162,317 in March.
- CBP expelled 87,661 individuals under Title 42 in March 2023 - 46\% of the overall total.
- With nearly half of all monthly encounters expelled under Title 42, the public health order is scheduled to end on May 11th, and the Biden administration has no plan to stop a surge in its absence.
- The total number of March 2023 encounters includes 27,783 Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, who were released into the country under the Biden administration's newest parole program.
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been over 5 million encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to over 1.3 million known gotaways who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents.
- According to testimony from Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz before the Homeland Security Committee last month in Pharr, Texas, there are approximately an additional 20\% of illegal alien 'gotaways' that go unaccounted.
- In just the first six months of the fiscal year, $\mathbf{8 0}$ people whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist., including 11 in March alone, were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry and 2 were stopped attempting to cross the Northern border between ports of entry.



## Concerning Rise in Northern Border Encounters Not Slowing Down

| MARCH FY2023 |
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| ENCOUNTERS |
| 15,774 |

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MARCH FY2022
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7,822
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## MARCH FY2021 <br> ENCOUNTERS <br> 1,989

- As of March 2023, the most active sector of the Northern border, the Swanton Sector, has now seen an increase of more than 1,000\% compared to March 2022.
- Signaling that the worsening crisis at our Northern border is going nowhere under Secretary Mayorkas, Border Patrol agents apprehended an individual on the terrorist watchlist for the second month in a row attempting to illegally enter the country between ports of entry.


## Biden's Refusal to Enforce Law \& Order Endangers Every American

- So far in FY 2023, nationwide, CBP has arrested 15,039 individuals with criminal convictions, including 330 known gang members, 97 of those being MS-13 members.
- From February 2023 to March 2023 there was nearly a $29 \%$ increase in arrests of individuals with criminal convictions.
- CBP saw a nationwide $\mathbf{2 3 . 7}$ \% increase in the weight of drugs seized in March 2023 from February 2023.
- In FY 2023 alone, CBP has seized over 14,000 pounds of fentanyl coming across the Southwest borderenough to kill over 3.1 billion people.
- As of March 2023, fentanyl seizures at the Southwest border have increased $25 \%$ compared to the previous month. If this extreme rate of fentanyl seizures continues, FY23 is on track to nearly double last year's fentanyl seizure total at the Southwest border.
- From February 2023 to March 2023 there was nearly a $29 \%$ increase in arrests of individuals with criminal convictions.
- In late March, smugglers abandoned a one-year-old Guatemalan child along the Colorado River left him to fend for himself along the water's edge before Border Patrol agents rescued the child.


## The Biden Administration is Hoping to Hide the True Startling Stats Behind His Border Crisis

- According to a DHS Inspector General report released in March, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are working with the Biden administration - to the tune of $\$ 110$ million of taxpayer money - to help migrants evade apprehension.
- A new media report shows that $99 \%$ of all applicants on the CBP One App are being accepted and released into the country, further showcasing the Biden administration's deceptive catch-and-release tactics.
- In March, CBP processed $\mathbf{2 2 , 8 6 5}$ individuals at ports of entry as exceptions to Title 42 based on the newly available CBP One app appointment scheduler-this is one of the latest attempts by the Biden administration to increase the processing of aliens into the interior.

