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Dear Ms. Salas

The Committee on Homeland Security (Committee) is conducting oversight of the potential use of federal resources to facilitate illegal immigration. The open-borders, anti-enforcement policies of the Biden Administration, supplemented by nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), helped fuel the worst border crisis in our nation's history. From February 2021 through January 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recorded more than 10.9 million encounters of inadmissible aliens.¹ This includes more than 550,000 unaccompanied alien children (UACs) encounters from February 2021 through January 2025.² As a result, human trafficking flourished,³ deadly drugs poured into towns across the United States, and the safety of Americans was increasingly threatened.⁴

To respond to unprecedented surges of illegal immigrants between January 20, 2021, and January 20, 2025, the federal government outsourced a much greater share of its migrant response to NGOs, increasing NGO revenues while placing the burden of the Biden Administration's policies on American taxpayers.⁵ Under the Biden Administration, the

¹ *Nationwide Encounters*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters> (last visited Jun. 9, 2025); *Nationwide Encounters FY2022*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters-fy22> (last visited Jun. 9, 2025).

² *Id.*

³ See *Trafficked, Exploited, and Missing: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability and the Subcomm. on Border Sec. and Enf't of the H. Comm. on Homeland Sec.*, 118th Cong. (Nov. 19, 2024).

⁴ "CRISIS BY DESIGN," A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION'S UNPRECEDENTED BORDER CRISIS, H. COMM. ON HOMELAND SEC. (September 18, 2024), available at <https://homeland.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/September-2024-Border-Report.pdf>.

⁵ Jorge Ventura & Devan Markham, *NGOs Use American Tax Dollars to Relocate Migrants*, NEWSNATION, June 7, 2023, <https://www.newsnationnow.com/us-news/immigration/border-coverage/ngos-american-tax-dollars-migrants;>

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services funneled billions of dollars to NGOs to provide material support, including transportation, translation services, and housing, to illegal aliens throughout the United States.⁶ The Biden Administration's reliance on NGOs therefore created a pull factor by signaling to those who arrived illegally or without proper documentation that they could expect such assistance, all expensed to American taxpayers, once they arrived in the United States.

Meanwhile, these same NGOs saw their annual revenues rise significantly. For example, it was reported that three prominent NGOs that assisted illegal aliens made a combined \$597 million in revenue in 2019, while in 2022 those NGOs enjoyed a combined revenue of \$2 billion.⁷ Further, the Committee is concerned that some of these NGOs may currently be actively advising and training illegal aliens on strategies to avoid cooperation with immigration officials. An undercover video recently exposed one NGO, which receives 55 percent of its revenue from federal and state government grants, for training illegal aliens to avoid or potentially impede immigration officials.⁸

The Committee is also deeply troubled by the near-total lack of accountability for how these dollars are being spent by NGOs. In March 2023, the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) reported an audit of how NGOs spent millions of dollars received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).⁹ Ultimately, the government watchdog could not account for more than half of the funding it had audited, due to lack of proper documentation by these groups.¹⁰

Upon taking office in January 2025, the Trump Administration announced several executive orders intended to address the border crisis and crack down on illegal immigration.¹¹ As a result of the Trump Administration's policies, from February 2025 through April 2025, CBP recorded an average of approximately 29,000 encounters of inadmissible aliens per month for the first three months of President Donald Trump's second term in office.¹² Comparatively,

See also Mark Morgan & Mike Howell, *How Feds Use Charities To Hide the True Cost of the U.S. Border Crisis*, THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, Jan. 4, 2023, <https://www.heritage.org/border-security/commentary/how-feds-use-charities-hide-the-true-cost-the-us-border-crisis>.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Madeleine Rowley, *Nonprofits Are Making Billions off the Border Crisis*, THE FREE PRESS, May 12, 2024, <https://www.thefp.com/p/nonprofits-make-billions-off-migrant-children>.

⁸ Form 990, 2022, Chinese-American Planning Council Inc., PROPUBLICA, <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/136202692/202401359349305260/full> (last visited Jun. 9, 2025); *See also* @ItsYourGov, X (Apr. 3, 2025, 9:55 AM), <https://x.com/ItsYourGov/status/1907794060141609216>.

⁹ DEP'T OF HOMELAND SEC. OFF. OF THE INSPECTOR GEN., OIG-23-20, FEMA SHOULD INCREASE OVERSIGHT TO PREVENT MISUSE OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUNDS (March 28, 2023), *available at* <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2023-03/OIG-23-20-Mar23.pdf>.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *See, e.g.*, Exec. Order No. 14165 (Jan. 20, 2025).

¹² *Nationwide Encounters*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters> (last visited Jun. 9, 2025).

during President Joe Biden's first three months in office, CBP reported an average of approximately 168,000 encounters of inadmissible aliens per month.¹³

Despite the progress made by the Trump Administration, the Committee remains deeply concerned that NGOs that receive U.S. taxpayer dollars benefitted from the border crisis created by the Biden Administration, and stand ready to do so under future Democrat administrations. Further, the Committee is concerned that these NGOs used U.S. taxpayer money to enable the Biden border crisis by incentivizing and facilitating illegal immigration, placing our homeland security at risk and encouraging unprecedented levels of human trafficking and smuggling. Finally, the Committee is concerned that certain NGOs are now actively advising illegal aliens on how to avoid and impede law enforcement officials, which can only be seen as an attempt to undermine the work federal government.

The Committee aims to understand the scope and magnitude of the federal government's financial involvement with NGOs that are involved in providing services to inadmissible aliens in the United States. To aid the Committee with its investigation into the improper use of federal funds by NGOs to facilitate illegal immigration, please complete the survey found in the link below as soon as possible, but no later than June 24, 2025:



An attachment contains instructions for responding to this request. Failure to comply with this request may result in the Committee pursuing further measures. Please contact the Committee on Homeland Security Majority staff at (202) 226-8417 with any questions about this request.

Per Rule X of the U.S House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security is the principal committee of jurisdiction for overall homeland security policy, and has special oversight functions of "all Government activities relating to homeland security, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security."

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

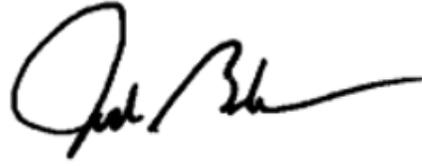
Sincerely,

¹³ *Nationwide Encounters FY2022*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/nationwide-encounters-fy22> (last visited Jun. 9, 2025).

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