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Washington, DC 20515

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

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Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

We write seeking answers to recent troubling reports that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is releasing aliens who entered the country illegally without the aliens being given Notices to Appear (NTA). Despite your repeated claims that "the border is secure," these reports raise serious questions about DHS' commitment to faithfully enforcing the law.

Based on these reports, we request that you immediately provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) It is our understanding that some aliens are being released into the United States without being issued an NTA and are being told to present themselves at an ICE office within 90 days. Is this correct? How many aliens have been released without being issued an NTA since January 20, 2021?
- 2) Are aliens claiming a fear of persecution? How many aliens have been released who have not claimed a fear of persecution?
- 3) Are aliens who claim a fear of persecution being screened for a credible fear of persecution prior to being released? Please provide the number of positive credible fear and negative credible fear findings?
- 4) Are aliens who do not establish a credible fear of persecution being released into the United States without an NTA? How many aliens who did not establish a credible fear of persecution were removed from the United States? How many were released into the United States with an NTA? How many were released without an NTA?
- 5) Are aliens being paroled into the United States? If so, how many aliens have been paroled into the United States since January 20, 2021? If so, please provide the basis for each grant of parole. Will these aliens be eligible for employment authorization?

We thank you in advance for the requested information. Please provide the requested information by Friday, March 26, 2021.

Sincerely,



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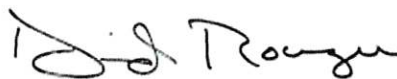
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