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

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

We have recently been made aware of an increase in aliens from Russia illegally entering the United States. Given the Biden administration’s catch and release policies, we have serious concerns that Russians illegally entering the United States will simply be released into the interior with minimal vetting. Releasing illegal aliens into our communities is a significant national security threat.

Please provide answers to the following questions by Friday, April 15, 2022.

1. Has the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) instituted additional vetting procedures for Russian nationals?
2. How many Russian nationals has U.S. Customs and Border Protection encountered illegally entering the United States since January 20, 2021? Please provide a breakdown by month.
3. How many Russian nationals are currently detained by DHS?
4. How many Russian nationals who illegally entered the country has DHS released into the United States?
   a. How many have been paroled into the United States?
   b. How many were released with a Notice to Report? How many reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement? How many have been placed in removal proceedings?
   c. How many were released with a Notice to Appear?
5. How many Russian nationals who illegally entered the United States have been enrolled in the Migrant Protection Protocols since DHS restarted the program?
6. How many Russian nationals who illegally entered the United States have been removed from the country by DHS?

We look forward to receiving the answers to these questions.

Sincerely,

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