

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write today to express serious concern regarding reports that your administration has diverted over \$2 billion from urgent COVID-19 related needs to cover the cost of caring for illegal migrants who have crossed our southern border.

In May 2021, Politico reported that your administration withdrew more than \$2 billion out of programs authorized by Congress, including funding to expand coronavirus testing and emergency medical supplies. These funds were diverted to cover the cost of sheltering a surge of migrants that have crossed our southern border illegally in the past year. An influx that is no doubt a result of your decision to sign executive orders reversing successful Trump Administration immigration policies, such as the Remain in Mexico Policy.

Due to your administration's decision to prioritize illegal border crossers over the health of American citizens, there are now countless reports of millions of Americans across our nation waiting in lines for hours to receive a COVID-19 test. These same Americans are then forced to wait days to receive their results, putting their loved ones at risk. This has been a marked departure from your administration's supposed plan to defeat this virus and limit the spread of COVID-19 through readily available testing. Simply put, it is a disservice to have diverted funds meant for COVID-19 testing and other urgent medical needs to pay for the sheltering of illegal migrants that your policies have only encouraged.

As a result of the shortage of COVID-19 tests and severe backlog of samples that need testing, we have several questions regarding how your administration will respond to this serious issue:

- Does your administration intend to ask Congress for more funding to address the current test shortage?
- How many tests could have been purchased with the diverted funds that were used to care for illegal migrant children?

We are deeply disappointed in your administration's actions that have resulted in the serious lack of COVID-19 tests for Americans. Your administration's priority should be with the

American people and the communities they reside in, not those who have broken our laws to enter our country. We look forward to hearing the answer to our questions by January 31, 2021.

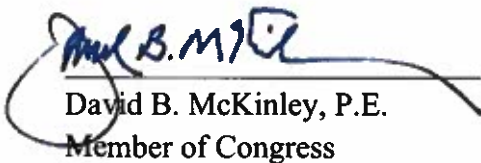
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



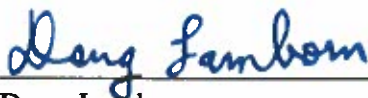
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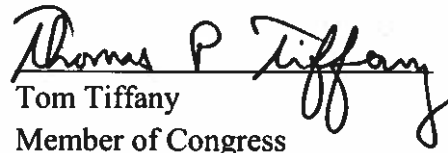
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