Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

When President Biden delivered his State of the Union Address to the nation, he publicly recognized for the first time during his Presidency the need to secure our southern border. His words were met with applause from both sides of the aisle, but his actions and those of Congressional Democrats have demonstrated little appetite to end this humanitarian and national security crisis. To date, Democrats have not taken any decisive action to get control of the border, even going so far as to threaten termination and prosecution of border agents trying in earnest to perform their duties under nearly impossible constraints. Fortunately, Republicans have taken their responsibility to protect the American people seriously and have been working diligently to craft legislative solutions that will support border enforcement officers and end this national disgrace. If President Biden is serious about securing the border and protecting the American people, it is imperative that you bring legislation to the House Floor that will have an immediate impact on the President's dangerous border crisis.

H.R. 5294, the *Make the Migrant Protection Protocols Mandatory Act* is one of many Republican proposals that would disincentivize cartels and migrants from making the dangerous and illegal journey into our country. This legislation reimplements President Trump's successful "Remain in Mexico" policy, which President Biden recklessly terminated on his first day in office. This action resulted in a continuous rise in border encounters, reaching nearly 214,000 per month until the Supreme Court forced the Biden Administration to restore this effective and lawful policy. Yet the President's "good faith effort" to enforce this policy has been negligent, which emanated to over 1.7 million illegal migrant encounters at the southern border in 2021 alone. The Remain in Mexico policy has a proven track record of success in reducing illegal immigration, which is why H.R. 5294 is necessary to ensure that future administrations cannot unilaterally reverse border security policies that undermine national security and public trust. This bill prevents illegal immigrants from being released into the United States while they wait for their day in court and reduces the increasing number of people who evade their court date after being released.

Congress cannot continue to sit on the sidelines as the border crisis continues to get worse with each passing day. We urge you to bring up H.R. 5294 to the House Floor for immediate consideration and begin to undo the damage President Biden's open border policies have inflicted on border states and the American people.

Sincerely,

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