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President Biden
The White House
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Dear President Biden,

I am praying for your success and wisdom as you navigate these very challenging times in our history. Though we have policy disagreements, I believe it behooves government officials to work alongside each other to leave our country in a better place than when we inherited it. Even through these partisan times, there are just some things that we have to get right!

I write today to express my concern over comments I read by former Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott about the threat of terrorists entering the United States through our southern border. Chief Scott stated, *"immigration....is just a cover for massive amounts of smuggling going across the southwest border – to include TSDBs (Terrorist Screening Center Database) at a level we have never seen before. That's a real threat."*

These statements from a high-ranking Border Patrol official are frightening – especially as Americans are watching news coverage of thousands of prisoners, including many terrorists, being released by the Taliban in Afghanistan. Americans are now facing an unprecedented terrorism threat level in their own backyards. We must put aside our differences and do everything in our power now to avert unspeakable tragedies.

Mr. President, my state, Arizona, is on the front lines of this border catastrophe. Tens of thousands of immigrants have been illegally crossing our borders every month, including many "gotaways." An increasing number of illicit drugs are entering our communities. We need to take decisive action to secure our border and prevent terrorists, gang members, and hardened criminals from accessing our ports of entry.

As I have stated previously, I am prepared to work with you and members of your administration to protect American lives. I again invite you to the Arizona-Mexico border so that you can hear first-hand from the border agents, sheriffs, and ranchers who are at the frontlines – the situation is absolutely unsustainable. If there is anything else that you believe my team can do to help alleviate this crisis and protect Americans, we stand prepared to help.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brnovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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