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President Joe R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

Our southern border is in complete disarray. International cartels are operating with near impunity on both sides. Countless pounds of deadly drugs are pouring into American communities, including a record amount of fentanyl. We know that two milligrams of fentanyl could be fatal to an individual. Just recently, border officials seized 53 pounds of fentanyl in southern Arizona during one traffic stop – enough to potentially end the lives of more than 12 million Americans. Hardened criminals, gang members, and suspected terrorists are crossing into our country. Tens of thousands of ‘gotaways’ are escaping apprehension from law enforcement.

Your administration, alone, is responsible for the chaos and lawlessness that has disseminated from the border. And now, your administration is demoralizing and abandoning our Border Patrol agents, who are tirelessly working to enforce our laws and keep Americans safe. Two recent examples (out of many) display the utter lack of support this administration has for the fine men and women of our Border Patrol.

Recently, the mainstream media and left-wing activists grossly distorted the truth of an image of a Border Patrol agent on horseback next to a migrant attempting to flee apprehension. Border Patrol agents were clearly understaffed in this Del Rio, Texas incident and only attempting to do their jobs. Still, open-borders activists demonized the pictured Border Patrol agent on horseback – even when the photographer stated that he did not view any agents whipping migrants.

Instead of defending the agents who were merely doing the jobs your administration refuses to do, you recklessly said, *“To see people treated like they did, horses barely running over, people being strapped – it was outrageous. I promise you, those people will pay. There will be an investigation underway now, and there will be consequences.”*

In addition to this horrific abandonment of our Border Patrol and the rule of law, your administration issued an unconstitutional COVID-19 vaccine mandate for all federal employees, including employees and agents within the Border Patrol – even though the migrants they apprehend are allowed a choice and not forced to be vaccinated. My office is aware of thousands of Border Patrol agents that are at risk of being fired if they do not succumb to your unlawful,

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immoral COVID-19 vaccine mandate in the near future. The loss of hundreds – if not thousands – of Border Patrol agents would be catastrophic to this vital agency.

Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the policy and personnel decisions that have contributed to the worst border crisis in our nation's history are a product of bad judgment and not an intentional dismantling of any border security we enjoy. As Commander in Chief, you took an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. Unfortunately, the results of this border crisis will do more damage to the Constitution and rule of law than anything else you could accomplish.

I call on your administration to support our Border Patrol agents and immediately take steps to provide the resources they need to do their jobs. I also request that your administration immediately take steps to work with border states and communities to secure our border and ensure our nation's sovereignty and security. Anything less is a complete abdication of your oath of office.

Respectfully,

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

Mark Brnovich
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