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Dear President Biden,

Your immigration policies have already led to the worst border crisis in our nation's history, and now we understand that your Administration is rolling back a vital policy, Title 42, which will further compromise public health and overwhelm law enforcement. Our office is requesting that Title 42 remain as an official federal policy and that it be vigorously enforced.

As you know, Title 42 was enacted by the previous Administration to ensure that migrants from all around the globe were not being released into American communities in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. Title 42 has been very successful in protecting public health and our borders at a critical time in our nation's history, and we were pleased to see your Administration maintain the status quo as a matter of policy – even if enforcement left much to be desired.

According to members of your own Administration, COVID-19 is still a threat to our communities. Therefore, ending Title 42 while our nation continues to take action to address COVID-19 cases across the country, contradicts good sense and a solid grasp of reality.

A sheriff recently told us that Border Patrol sources are estimating the potential of 20,000 migrants a week crossing into his *sector* (one of many sectors along the border) if Title 42 is officially ended – that's more than double the numbers that are being currently encountered. This tidal wave of migrants would devastate both law enforcement and border towns, and would undermine efforts of public health officials to insulate communities from a rampant spread of COVID-19.

We know that the issue of migrants crossing illegally is only one of many problems occurring at our southern border. Migrants are operated by international cartels, who use these men, women, and children from all over the world to distract border authorities from the rash of deadly drugs and dangerous 'gotaways' streaming across unmanned sectors. Border security is national security, and it must be treated as such.

Mr. President, please stop providing more incentives to illegally cross our borders, and consider the public health of your fellow Americans. Title 42 is a commonsense policy that is proven, and it should be retained and enforced.

Sincerely,

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

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