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STRATEGIC COMPETITION  
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE  
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1403

March 4, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On February 22, 2024, a 22-year-old nursing student named Laken Riley was brutally murdered by an illegal alien, Jose Ibarra, who had illegally entered the United States in September 2022. As Commander-in-Chief, it is your duty to protect American citizens, and this tragedy highlights the urgent need to address the surge in crime resulting from your negligence at our southern border.

As president, you have the executive authority to reinstate the successful Trump-era immigration policies that you reversed, such as Remain in Mexico, Title 42, and construction of the border wall. These Trump policies were effective and would significantly contribute to securing our borders and protecting the lives of innocent Americans.

Your failure to publicly acknowledge this tragedy is unacceptable. You have a great opportunity to respect the wishes of Laken Riley's mother by breaking your silence and saying her name at the upcoming State of the Union address on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

The safety and security of American citizens should be your top priority. I am calling on you to publicly acknowledge the Riley family's tragedy and take swift and decisive action to secure the border. You can prevent further tragedies and ensure a safer future for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Banks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Jim Banks  
Member of Congress