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Mr. Troy A. Miller
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is continuing to investigate the worst border crisis in American history. On August 6, 2024, the Committee requested documents and communications from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to understand Vice President Harris's role in effectuating the ongoing crisis.¹ The deadline to produce has passed, and CBP has failed to provide the Committee with any responsive documents, communications, or even a timeline for when CBP intends to comply with the request.

It is important the Committee and the American people understand Vice President Harris's role as the border czar in the ongoing border crisis. The mass illegal entry and release of illegal aliens into the United States under the Biden-Harris Administration has contributed to murders, sexual assaults, and serious bodily injuries committed against numerous Americans at the hands of illegal aliens.² These crimes should have never happened.

Since the Committee's request, more illegal aliens have been implicated in crimes against American citizens under the Biden-Harris Administration. A MS-13 gang member, an illegal alien, shot at moving vehicles in Mississippi.³ Illegal aliens in New York City were arrested for

¹ Letter from Hon. James Comer, Chairman, H. Comm. on Oversight & Accountability to Troy A. Miller, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Aug. 6, 2024); Shawna Chen, *Harris to visit Mexico and Guatemala to address "root causes" of border crossings*, AXIOS (Apr. 14, 2021).

² See e.g., Jeff Amy, et al., *The killing of a Georgia nursing student is now at the center of the US immigration debate*, ASSOCIATED PRESS (Feb. 27, 2024); Christina Zdanowicz, *A 12-year-old who loved Harry Potter and old music: What we know about Jocelyn Nungaray and the men accused in her death*, CNN (June 27, 2024); Michael Dorgan, *Rachel Morin murder: Open border 'allowed' illegal immigrant to kill mom of 5, Maryland sheriff says*, FOX NEWS (June 18, 2024); Jack Morphet, et al., *Illegal immigrant who posed as minor while crossing border charged with murder in Florida*, NEW YORK POST (Nov. 4, 2021); Noa Half, *Teenage migrant is arrested after murdering and DISMEMBERING a 25-year-old victim and leaving his chopped up remains inside a car*, DAILY MAIL (Apr. 9, 2024).

³ Verlecia Gavin & Jordon Gray, *MS-13 gang member, who entered country illegally, charged after shooting at moving vehicles*, WLBT3 (Aug. 27, 2024).

raping a woman at knifepoint and beating her boyfriend.⁴ Law enforcement in Texas captured an illegal alien wanted for “aggravated assault on a child under 14.”⁵

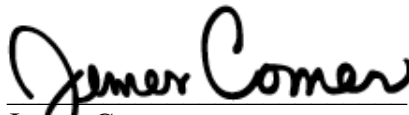
The August 6, 2024 request set a deadline of August 20, 2024 to produce responsive documents. In addition to the original request, Committee staff reiterated the request to CBP on August 29, 2024 and September 6, 2024. CBP has failed to provide any responsive documents or communications or a timeline of when it will comply. It is imperative CBP produce in full all documents and communications responsive to the August 6, 2024, request to the Committee as soon as possible but no later than October 1, 2024. For your convenience, the original request, covering the time period January 20, 2021 to the present, is as follows:

All documents and communications between U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Executive Office of the Vice President related to the southwest border or illegal immigration.

If CBP continues to withhold documents and communications on this matter, the Committee will consider alternative measures to obtain this information, including through the compulsory process.

To make arrangements to deliver documents or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Accountability Majority Staff at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Accountability

⁴ Joe Marino, et al., *NYC migrants – including one charged in sex assault 4 months ago – raped woman at knifepoint, beat her boyfriend: sources*, NY POST (Aug. 12, 2024).

⁵ Dan Gooding, *Criminal Illegal Immigrant on Most Wanted List Arrest in Houston*, NEWSWEEK (Aug. 27, 2024).