

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE  
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Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

We write to express our concerns with the Biden-Harris Administration's unlawful mass parole program for nationals of Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela (CHNV). While the United States faces an unprecedented crisis, created by the Biden-Harris Administration, at our southern border, nearly 530,000 inadmissible aliens have entered the U.S. through the CHNV program since January 2023 alone. This decision has placed significant financial stress and burdens on communities across the United States, including Charleroi, Pennsylvania; Springfield, Ohio; and Logansport, Indiana.

In Charleroi, the borough has seen a population increase of 2,000 individuals stemming from the arrival of aliens from Haiti, Venezuela, and other nations under this administration. Many of these aliens have also been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) until at least February 2026. This influx has increased cost burdens on the school district and local and county governments. For example, the Charleroi Area School District spent approximately \$400,000 for English language learner instructors in the 2023-2024 school year and faces a shortfall of \$1 million per year due to the influx of students.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, Logansport saw an influx of 207 students from Haiti over the past three years.<sup>2</sup> And last August, Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested a Haitian national who entered the United States in June 2023 via the Biden-Harris Administration's mass parole program. He was arrested after being charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl in a migrant shelter in Boston, Massachusetts, earlier this year.<sup>3</sup>

According to 25 governors from across our nation, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have failed to communicate arrival times, duration of residency, legal status, and locations of CHNV parolees while also creating "considerable confusion and alarm among local officials and the general public."<sup>4</sup> These states, as well as other communities from across our nation, have been burdened with significant costs and have been neglected by, the Biden-Harris Administration due to this unlawful immigration program.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/investigations/an-american-education-classrooms-reshaped-by-record-migrant-arrivals-2024-10-05/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://fox59.com/investigations/logansport-officials-say-immigrant-population-growth-is-unsustainable/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/haitian-migrant-charged-rape-15-year-old-girl-entered-controversial-parole-program-sources>

<sup>4</sup> <https://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2024/10/governor-ivey-leads-letter-with-24-governors-in-demanding-biden-administration-provide-details-of-participants-in-chnv-asylum-program-affecting-alabama-and-other-states/>

Further, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also temporarily suspended the CHNV program in July 2024 due to widespread fraud by those sponsoring the applicants. An internal DHS report found that the program sponsor's personally identifiable information was being used hundreds of times on the application forms of different aliens. Notably, 100,948 forms were filled out by 3,218 serial program sponsors.<sup>5</sup> The report also found that 24 of the 1,000 most used phone numbers for program sponsors belonged to deceased individuals and 100 physical addresses were used up to 739 times on nearly 20,000 forms.<sup>6</sup> Under federal law, the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) grants the President authority to parole aliens, but only temporarily and only on a case-by-case basis for significant public benefit or urgent humanitarian reasons. The CHNV program clearly exceeds the parole authority authorized by Congress.

We call on the administration to end the unlawful, fraud-filled CHNV program and curtail TPS and other immigration relief provided to aliens paroled through CHNV. Without doing so, the Biden-Harris Administration's immigration policies will continue to place significant burdens on communities across our nation.

Sincerely,



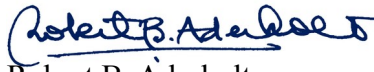
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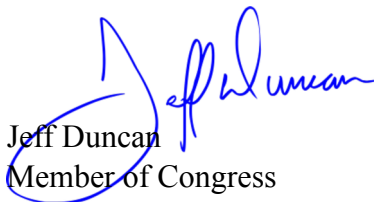
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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-admin-freezes-controversial-migrant-flight-program-after-fraud-revelations>

<sup>6</sup> <https://homeland.house.gov/2024/08/29/chairman-green-blasts-dhs-decision-to-resume-unlawful-fraud-ridden-chnv-mass-parole-program/>



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