BIDEN'S BORDER BLUNDER THE COST OF CATCH AND RELEASE ON THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER

President Biden and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas have abandoned our nation's border states in lieu of open border policies that have cost the American taxpayer—at the local, state, and federal level—billions of their hard-earned dollars. Secretary Mayorkas has openly acknowledged to the American people that <u>more than 85</u> <u>percent</u> of migrants illegally crossing our southern border are ultimately released into the country.

HERE ARE THE HARD FACTS

LAST MONTH (December 2023):

302,034 illegal migrants were stopped at the U.S. Border

<u>256,729 illegal migrants</u> <u>RELEASED</u> into the U.S.

Cost to Taxpayers: <u>\$2.3 Billion</u>

SINCE BIDEN TOOK OFFICE:

8.3 million illegal migrants stopped at the U.S. Border

<u>7 million illegal migrants</u> <u>RELEASED</u> into the U.S.

Cost to Taxpayers <u>\$61.4 Billion</u>



THE BIG PICTURE

The nation is burdened with over \$34 trillion in gross national debt and counting. In three short years, President Biden has added \$6.4 trillion to the national debt. His profligate spending, historic inflation, and open border policies are too much for Americans to bear.

President Biden expects the American Taxpayer to cloth, feed, house, educate, and provide healthcare for the millions of illegal migrants that he has allowed into in the country. The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) has calculated that the total cost to the taxpayer per illegal immigrant is <u>\$8,776</u> per year. This estimated cost considers the burden that illegal immigration has on the budgets of local, state, and federal governments.

President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas's catch and release policy is costing the American taxpayer tens of billions of dollars a year. Unfortunately, the cost to the taxpayer is much higher once you include ALL illegal immigrants. In total, FAIR estimates the cost of all illegal immigrants to the taxpayer to be over **\$150.7 billion per year**. The border policies of this Administration show how little they care about the hard-earned dollars of American Taxpayers.

THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE COUNTS THE COST

The House Budget Committee is counting up the cost of the Biden Administrations dereliction of duty at our Southern Border:

Click HERE for our "Cost of... Biden's Weak National Security Policies"

Click HERE for our "Cost of... Biden's Border Crisis."

Click HERE to read "The Costly Border Crisis."

Click HERE to read "Biden's Border Crisis Enters Third Year"

Click HERE to read "Newsom Extends Free Healthcare to 700,000 Illegal Immigrants Despite Record Budget Deficit"

The Committee has unrelentingly pursued answers from the Department of Homeland Security:



Click HERE for our *first* letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Click HERE for our *second* letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Click HERE to read an overview of what Chairman Arrington requests in these letters.

