

House Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the House Committee on Homeland Security Release Report on Insights from Border Patrol Sector Chiefs at the Southwest Border

Under President Biden's watch, there have been over <u>8 million</u> migrant encounters nationwide, <u>6.7 million</u> of which have been at the Southwest border.

Worse yet, over 1.7 million known gotaways—illegal immigrants who have evaded Border Patrol— are now living in the interior of the United States without documentation and without having undergone any vetting by immigration officials.

The serious national security concerns shared by Republicans have fallen on deaf ears, but maybe Democrats will listen to the men and women at the front lines of the border crisis.

The *House Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, in conjunction with the *House Committee on Homeland Security*, conducted numerous interviews with Chief Border Patrol Agents who candidly spoke, as they have in the past, about the serious crisis unfolding at our Southern Border. The joint report entitled, "Crisis at the Border: Reports from the Frontline" highlights just how important the fight for border security really is.

WORD ON THE STREET

Via <u>House Oversight and Homeland's</u> Report:

- "So I think gotaways are a public safety concern, but, as we discussed, I believe we discussed earlier also potentially a national security concern as well."
- "[O]ur Sector Intelligence Unit estimates that the weekly revenue for illicit human smuggling in our sector along, the Del Rio Sector alone, is in excess of \$30 million a week."
- "We have seen a ris in the number of [Terrorist Screening Data Set] hits, which is individuals that have a record of potential terrorist ties. And in the last 2 years we've continued to see significantly more."



Via <u>Center Square</u>:

- Former director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Tom Homan told Congress that President Joe Biden is the only president in U.S. history to "unsecure the border on purpose."
- Homan also reiterated what he previously told The Center Square: Biden's "open border policies have created the greatest national security crisis since 9/11."

BIG PICTURE

The dangerous rise in known gotaways, pounds of illicit drugs flowing over the border—**over 50,000lbs of fentanyl** since Biden took office, and a significant increase in potential terrorist apprehensions are all factors that spell out more than just a crisis at our Southern Border.

Border security is national security. The United States is being invaded, and our adversaries abroad are taking advantage of a weak President who seems not to understand his constitutional duty to support a common defense.

According to the House Committee on Homeland Security, in November of 2023, "4,797 Chinese nationals were encountered at the Southwest border. This represents a nearly **800% increase** compared to November 2022."

The <u>New York Times</u> reports that over **24,000 Chinese citizens** crossed from Mexico into the United States in 2023 alone. Additionally, over 35,000 illegal aliens with criminal convictions were apprehended in FY2023—how many more are among the 1.7 million known gotaways?

These staggering figures should send chills down the spine of every law enforcement officer in the nation. The Biden Administration is solely responsible for the disastrous state of our Southern Border.

THE BOTTOM LINE

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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> for our *first* letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Click <u>HERE</u> 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.

Thanks to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability we have now heard directly from Border Patrol Chiefs who are on the ground witnessing the monumental disaster that is the Biden Administrations border bust. This national security crisis is costing the American taxpayers their hard earned money and their safety.

House Republicans are tirelessly working to <u>reverse the curse</u> of the Democrat agenda, from open border policies to their ambivalence toward the debt crisis. The Budget Committee is fighting for brighter days ahead for all Americans.

See <u>HERE</u> for our FY24-33 Budget Resolution.

