

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer,

Our nation is facing the largest border security crisis in history, as evidenced by the 213,593 illegal migrants encountered by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at our southern border in July and the staggering 1.73 million encountered this fiscal year - the highest ever recorded.<sup>1</sup> These encounters, however, do not paint the full picture of endangered migrants, abused and exploited by cartels for profit, and of Americans, especially in border states who work through desperation to manage car chases, break-ins, cut fences, lost livestock, and increased crime. They don't tell the story of an overworked CBP, hundreds of thousands of often dangerous "got-aways," or the thousands of pounds of drugs - especially fentanyl - that is poisoning and killing our youth. We cannot afford to create new incentives to illegal migration in the midst of this crisis.

Unfortunately, H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act includes roughly \$100 billion for provisions related to immigration, including amnesty.<sup>2</sup> This would be particularly harmful given that past amnesty efforts were coupled with enforcement, which this bill fails to address in the slightest. Additionally, any provision providing for legal status to illegal immigrants to address objections offered by the Senate parliamentarian, including by expanding parole authority - building upon the roughly 30,000 paroles granted since August - will provide an outcome without much difference and will give even more reason for people from all over the world to rush our southern border. Moreover, in addition to other concerns, this bill seeks to expand benefits to illegal immigrants. For example, the bill eliminates the need for a social security number to demonstrate eligibility for child tax credits, providing an enormous incentive for illegal immigration.

This border crisis afflicts the entire nation and all its communities, but as representatives of southern border states at the epicenter of the crisis, our communities are bearing the brunt of it. We therefore urge you in the strongest possible terms to remove from the legislation any policies that will incentivize more illegal immigration, including any form of legal status, tax credits, or other benefits for illegal immigrants.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy  
Member of Congress



Kevin McCarthy  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/southwest-land-border-encounters>

<sup>2</sup> <https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-117HR5376RH-RCP117-17.pdf>

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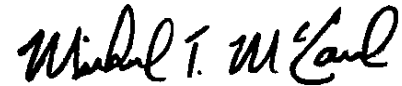
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