

## Friend,

President Biden's failed border security and immigration policies have created the worst border crisis in 30 years. Instead of working to secure the border, it is reported that the Biden Administration has proposed sending \$450,000 payments to illegal immigrants. This decision would simply be a slap in the face to American families and would also provide yet another incentive for more illegal migration amid an already unprecedented border crisis.

Simply put, these payouts would be wrong.

While immigration has been a bedrock of the United States since its founding, we should not be creating a situation that will worsen the ongoing crisis at our southern border and encourage more illegal immigrants to make the trip to unlawfully enter the United States.

Unfortunately, this is just the latest in a litany of issues created by extreme policy changes that have led to the ongoing, persistent, and preventable historic humanitarian and security crisis at our border. The effect of these payouts would be more business for human traffickers and drug cartels who reap financial benefit from President Biden's open border policies by encouraging more people to risk crossing the border illegally.

The Biden administration ought to be sending a clear message to the world: do not attempt to enter our country illegally. Instead, Biden might reward those who do just that.

Recently, I signed on as a <u>cosponsor</u> of the Illegal Immigrant Payoff Prohibition Act of 2021, which will prevent the Attorney General from making settlement payments to individuals and families who have entered the country illegally for claims arising out of the illegal entry.

Our approach to combating illegal immigration must be comprehensive and include permanently securing our border, enforcing the rule of law, and ensuring law enforcement has the resources they need. Rest assured, I will continue to push back against this Administration and its open border policies.

Sincerely, Rob



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