

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
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Washington, DC 20032

Mr. Troy Miller
Acting Commissioner
Customs and Border Protection
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Acting Commissioner Miller,

I am writing you regarding the Washington Post report that the Biden Administration is considering utilizing northern border states to house illegal aliens who entered our country through the southern border. I am extremely troubled by this reported decision and request a briefing to address the following questions:

- Is this media report accurate? Or is there a similar proposal currently being considered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Customs and Border Protection (CBP)?
- Why did DHS and CBP fail to communicate this plan to congressional representatives for the affected states?
- To what extent, if at all, have state and local officials and law enforcement been consulted? If they have not yet been consulted, why?
- How many illegal aliens will be housed in facilities in northern border states, at what facilities, and for how long?
- Is the reported relocation temporary or permanent?
- What federal agencies will be deployed to assist in the management of this crisis and at what cost? What is the anticipated strain on state and local law enforcement?
- Given the current public health emergency, what COVID-19 protocols will be implemented at these facilities?

- What plans are in place to ensure the safety and security of U.S. citizens in northern border states?
- In the opinion of DHS and CBP, do recent events on the southern border constitute a crisis? If not, what would have to transpire for it to be considered a crisis?

Should this report be accurate, I demand DHS and CBP to allow congressional representatives and members of the media to inspect these facilities. DHS, CBP, and the Biden administration have failed to contain this crisis, and it is now greatly affecting states thousands of miles from the southern border. As Montana's representative in Congress, I strongly urge DHS and CBP to reconsider proposals to house illegal aliens from the southern border in the state of Montana.

I respectfully request a response to this inquiry as soon as possible, and urge DHS, CBP, and the Biden administration to increase communication with congressional representatives of the impacted districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Rosendale, Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Rosendale, Sr.
Member of Congress