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President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Feb. 2, 2023

Dear Mr. President,

As a state representative serving western Pennsylvania's Cambria County – 228 miles from your roots in Scranton – I am asking that you employ all mechanisms at your disposal to swiftly and effectively secure the U.S.-Mexican border.

I realize we have been and are a generous and welcoming nation, Mr. President, but I do not want to see Pennsylvania, a state we both know and love, become the next New York, whose governor is seeking \$2.4 billion to deal with costs associated with an unprecedented and unplanned influx of illegal migrants.

It's simply unfair to ask citizens of my state, or any other, to shoulder this type of fiscal burden. And it's even worse to see valuable tax dollars diverted from other important programs to cover costs associated with their housing, medical needs, and other care. Mr. President, please consider that:

- ❖ In 2021, Pennsylvania had an estimated 220,000 unauthorized immigrants, and 2022 set a record with 2.2 million illegal U.S. border crossings.
- ❖ From January 2021 through December 2023, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection had 8.9 million encounters with illegal immigrants – an influx more than the population of 39 states.
- ❖ More than 302,000 undocumented immigrants entered the United States illegally in December 2023, which is mind-boggling not only to me, but to most of my constituents.
- ❖ 2023 saw the most U.S. drug overdose deaths in 12 years, a trend that corresponds with the increase in illegal border crossings.

As elected officials, I believe our first and foremost duty is to look out for the well-being and safety of our constituents, meaning the legal citizenry of the United States, and the communities in which they live.

People are fed up that this situation has been allowed to spiral out of control, Mr. President, and the eyes of the nation, Pennsylvania, and Cambria County are watching to see how you respond to their concern.

Please take meaningful action, Mr. President, and let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Burns".

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