

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2024

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

I write today to express my deep concerns and to request further information regarding reports that migrants have been deposited into Myrtle Beach, SC area, roughly 1,500 miles away from our Southern Border.¹ Under your leadership, the Biden administration has overseen the nation's worst migration crisis in U.S. history. Our Southern Border has been overrun with thousands of illegal migrant crossings daily. Since the start of Fiscal Year 2024 alone, there have been over one million illegal migrant encounters.²

Unfortunately, because of your policies, or lack thereof, these illegal migrants are not deterred from entering our country. In fact, one could argue that your policies encourage anyone and everyone to come and enter the United States illegally. To this point, 340 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist have been stopped at the Southern Border under the Biden administration.³ Our Southern Border is open, and migrants are taking advantage of you and the Biden administration rescinding the strong border protection measures put in place by President Trump coupled with not enforcing the laws we still have on the books.

To this end, illegal migrants have made their way into the interior of the United States, including South Carolina's Seventh Congressional District, which I proudly represent. Recently, local media outlets have begun investigating potential migrant sightings in the Myrtle Beach, SC area.⁴ The crisis at our Southern Border has become so pervasive and is being felt by Americans in all 50 states. In this case, constituents in my district are facing real consequences because of your inaction.

I am disturbed by these reports and request that you submit answers to the following questions regarding these potential migrant sightings in the Myrtle Beach, SC area in writing by April 5, 2024:

¹ Richardson, Terry. *Are the people in the US illegally being bused to Myrtle Beach, SC? Here's what we have found*, The Sun News. (March 21, 2024)

² Hagstrom, Anders; Jenkins, Griff. *CBP migrant encounters already exceed 1 million since October*, FOX News (February 7, 2024).

³ U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL, CBP ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS, <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/cbp-enforcement-statistics>

⁴ Richardson, Terry. *Are the people in the US illegally being bused to Myrtle Beach, SC? Here's what we have found*, The Sun News. (March 21, 2024)

1. Are migrants being brought to the Myrtle Beach, SC area?
2. If so, what is their immigration status?
3. What is the nationality of these migrants?
4. What forms of transportation are these migrants using to travel to the area?
5. How many migrants have been deposited?
6. How long do you expect these migrants to stay?
7. Will there be additional migrants coming to the area in the future?
8. How much money is allocated from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to facilitate the depositing of migrants throughout the United States?
9. Specifically, how much money is allocated from DHS to NGOs facilitating the depositing of migrants in the Myrtle Beach, SC area?
10. What amount of taxpayer funding is required for housing and vouchers for these migrants?
11. What is your long-term plan to address these migrants?

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 PM on April 5, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Annie Barletta at annie.barletta@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RF' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Russell Fry
Member of Congress