

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor, New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, New York 12224

The Honorable Eric Adams
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams,

So that we can begin to end our state's migrant crisis, we write today to oppose any taxpayer dollars going towards perpetuating New York City's migrant crisis.

New York City's migrant crisis is the result of two policy choices:

1. The Biden Administration's open border policies; and
2. New York State and New York City's sanctuary policies and taxpayer funded housing and healthcare for migrants.

Regarding the latter, the lack of state and local enforcement of federal immigrant law and New York State and New York City's taxpayer funded hotels and healthcare offered to migrants present in the five boroughs, have incentivized more and more migrants to cross our nation's southern border, feign asylum and make their way to New York City.

Understanding what is incentivizing the migrant crisis, we were outraged to hear about the new \$53 million contract that was awarded to give away free prepaid credit cards to migrants in New York City. Additionally, we share our displeasure with the Governor's budget proposal, which would significantly cut funding from certain school districts while proposing nearly \$2.4 billion to continue the migrant crisis in New York City.

At the behest of our constituents, for months, we have written to you with our opposition to utilizing taxpayer dollars and other state resources towards enabling the migrant crisis. To then hear that a massive \$53 million contract has been awarded – using taxpayer dollars – to hand out free money to migrants is a complete slap in the face to every single hard working taxpayer. The same sentiment goes for the Governor's budget proposal.

By choosing to stand by the sanctuary city policies in place which have exacerbated this crisis, and implementing new policies to help those who have illegally entered this country is only *incentivizing* more illegal immigration. If you believe this crisis is going to get better by throwing money at the problem and completely ignoring the underlying policies of the city, state

and Biden Administration that have caused this crisis, you must be operating in an alternate reality significantly lacking common logic and understanding of human behavior.

We are a nation who has always believed in the American Dream. Many of our ancestors have come to this country looking for a better life for their families – but they did so legally. While we fiercely believe in the American Dream, we are also a nation of laws and we must always uphold the Constitution and our system of laws.

In Washington, we House Republicans passed the Secure the Border Act on May 11, 2023 which would force the Biden Administration to finally do so. Still, and without congressional approval, the President can and should:

- End Catch and Release;
- Reinstate Remain in Mexico;
- Enter into Asylum Cooperative Agreements;
- End Parole Abuses;
- Detain inadmissible aliens;
- Use expedited removal;
- reign in taxpayer funded benefits for illegal aliens;
- Issue a proclamation to suspend or restrict entry;
- Resume construction of the border wall; and
- Stop repositioning border agents away from the border.

While we work in Washington towards solutions for New York and America, we strongly oppose any use of taxpayer dollars to perpetuate the ongoing migrant crisis without significant changes to the sanctuary city policies in New York City and New York State.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress



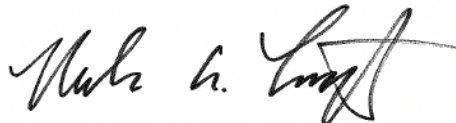
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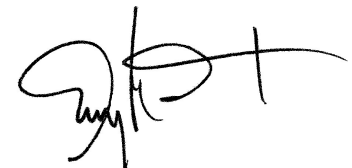
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