

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

February 7, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

So that we can begin to end our state's migrant crisis, we write today to oppose any federal 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. Your 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.

For the reasons stated above, throwing federal money at New York City's migrant crisis will only exacerbate that crisis. The real solutions to ending the migrant crisis are rooted in a secure border, the repeal of sanctuary policies and the cancelation of subsidies to migrants.

Yet, it has been widely reported that New York City Mayor Eric Adams has awarded a contract for \$53 million to give taxpayer funded prepaid debit cards to migrants.¹ Moreover, Governor Hochul has also proposed a budget that would significantly cut funding from certain school districts while proposing a new \$2.4 billion towards hotels, healthcare and other benefits to migrants in New York City.²

Despite what you have acknowledged publicly, this migrant crisis has been ongoing for years. Since you have taken office, there have been over 8.3 million illegal crossings nationwide and at least 1.8 million known gotaways.

Why has it taken you this long to finally speak up? The rhetoric you have been using just over the past several weeks is also dishonest. Without congressional approval, you can

¹https://nypost.com/2024/02/02/metro/nyc-to-hand-out-prepaid-credit-cards-to-migrant-families-for-food/?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=nypost&utm_source=twitter

² <https://nypost.com/2024/01/16/metro/nyc-to-get-2-4b-for-migrant-crisis-in-hochuls-state-budget/>

- 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.

To suggest you need additional authority to do your job is untrue and insulting to the American People. And to suggest that House Republicans have not taken this issue seriously is an outrageous accusation. House Republicans passed one of the strongest border packages in history on May 11, 2023 to require you to take actions you already have the authority to take but refuse to.

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. While federalism prevents Congress from overriding state and local policies, Congress and the federal government should not subsidize those policy decisions which have proven disastrous.

Again, we vehemently oppose any taxpayer dollars going to fund this crisis and we urge you not to send any federal money to New York City or New York State for the purpose of incentivizing, enabling or perpetuating the migrant crisis until significant policy changes are made to disincentivize illegal immigration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress



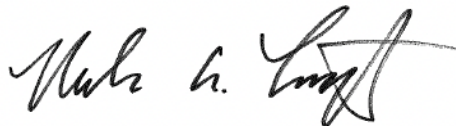
Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Congress



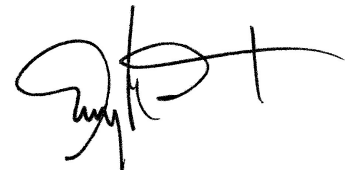
Elise Stefanik
Member of Congress



Andrew R. Garbarino
Member of Congress



Nick Langworthy
Member of Congress



Anthony D'Esposito
Member of Congress



Michael V. Lawler
Member of Congress



Marcus J. Molinaro
Member of Congress



Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress



Brandon Williams
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor of New York State, Kathy Hochul
Mayor of New York City, Eric Adams