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December 19, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

I am writing to request immediate assistance from your Administration to deal with the significant influx of asylum seekers currently crossing the international border into San Diego County, and in anticipation of even more upon the lifting of Title 42 restrictions.

Although the termination of Title 42 restrictions has been anticipated since April, Congress and the Administration have failed to enact meaningful and comprehensive immigration reform during the past eight months. As a result, the Department of Homeland Security announced its intentions to respond to the expected surge across the border with the same “six-pillar” plan announced last spring, relying on limited actions to address this critical situation.

The County of San Diego has historically welcomed with open arms those seeking refuge from oppressive conditions in their home countries. Over the years, our communities have helped thousands of immigrants – many of whom escaped prosecution and harm – to reestablish their lives in the United States. For example, San Diego’s cities and unincorporated communities are now comprised of many newcomers including Chaldeans who left Iraq and Syrians fleeing a civil war. Last year, following our nation’s withdrawal from Afghanistan, San Diego County welcomed over twenty-five percent of the Afghan refugees who resettled in California.

While I stand prepared to, once again, assist those escaping prosecution, the lifting of Title 42 and the increase in the number of border crossers - estimated to increase threefold from current levels - will place an unprecedented burden on our County for the simple reason that we are adjacent to the international border. It is unfair for our local governments and communities to shoulder this burden without the federal assistance required to do so. I am, therefore, appealing directly to you to ensure the County of San Diego and its partner organizations receive the resources necessary to manage the anticipated influx of asylum seekers in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your Administration to successfully address this situation.

Sincerely,

Joel Anderson
Supervisor, Second District

Cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Alex Padilla
The Honorable Darrell Issa
The Honorable Sara Jacobs