

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

November 1, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We have serious concerns about your vaccine mandate for Federal employees<sup>1</sup> and how it will impact the already understaffed and overworked United States Border Patrol and our overall national security. Given your administration's open border policies and failure to invest in adequate border security, we are facing the worst border crisis in our nation's history—a crisis that will only be exacerbated by your vaccine mandate.

Our patriotic Border Patrol agents serve on the front lines of the chaos you created, protecting America's sovereignty, and providing humanitarian and life-saving services to illegal migrants. These brave men and women face dire threats every day from violent drug cartels and human traffickers while carrying out their duties, including being caught in cross-border gunfire originating from inside Mexico<sup>2</sup>. Further, we have heard from countless agents across the country who have been forced into no-notice deployments to the southern border to help manage your self-inflicted crisis. These deployments are disruptive to Border Patrol agents' families and leave other critical portions of our borders—which are already dangerously understaffed—overwhelmingly unprotected.

Despite these staffing issues, thousands of Border Patrol agents are at risk of losing their jobs because of your ill-conceived policy. This mandate is wholly incongruent with the principles of individual choice and medical freedom, puts families in our districts at risk of financial ruin, and threatens our national security by flooding our communities with undocumented, unvetted migrants.

With a record number of illegal border crossings this year and no end in sight, terminating Border Patrol agents for their choice not to vaccinate against Covid-19—when many Border Patrol agents have a more effective natural immunity—is not only irresponsible, but is a dereliction of your duty as Commander-in-Chief. We immediately request the following actions and information related to your Federal vaccine mandate and the U.S. Border Patrol:

- An immediate suspension of Covid-19 vaccine mandates for Border Patrol agents, or any first responder tasked with securing our borders and addressing the ongoing border crisis;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/covidplan/#vaccinate>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/media/melugin-crew-drug-cartel-gunfire-us-mexico-border>

- General available data on vaccination rates for Border Patrol agents, with respect to medical confidentiality, including the number of Border Patrol agents who have previously contracted Covid-19 and have natural immunity;
- Steps your administration is taking to protect Border Patrol agents from Covid-19 exposure while carrying out their duties, as well as protecting Americans from Covid-19 infected immigrants being relocated into their communities;
- A determination of the impact of mass-termination of Border Patrol agents on our border security and your administration's plan to address current and future staffing shortages at our nation's borders.

The American people support the brave men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol and roundly reject your administration's catastrophic open border policies. Sadly, while we have seen countless members of your own party malign our Border Patrol agents for years, punishing these agents for their personal medical choices would constitute a full-frontal assault on our border agents and further reinforce your utter abandonment of our southern border.

We look forward to your prompt response to the aforementioned requests and urge you to immediately reinstate and enforce common-sense border security policies.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin  
Member of Congress



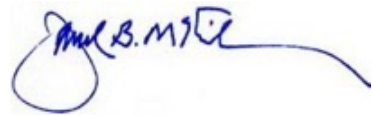
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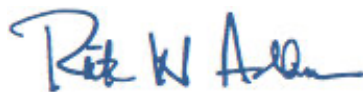
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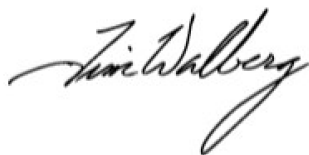
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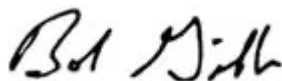
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