

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 22, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

As another year of abject failure by the Biden-Harris Department of Homeland Security (DHS) comes to a close, we write today to strongly condemn your agency's recent announcement that Lebanese nationals currently in the United States will be eligible for Temporary Protected Status and work authorization due to ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Working together with Border Czar Kamala Harris, DHS has repeatedly failed to secure our border, enforce immigration law, or properly vet individuals coming into our country – threatening our nation's sovereignty and the safety of American citizens. It is plain to see that you are not driven by your sworn vow to protect and secure the United States, but instead by your extreme political beliefs. As made clear by the House of Representative's decision to impeach you, the American people have zero faith in your leadership, competency, or desire to enforce our laws faithfully.

Under your leadership, upwards of 12 million aliens, including encounters and known gotaways, have illegally crossed our borders. More than 425,000 illegal aliens with known criminal convictions have been released into our nation, including over 13,000 convicted murderers who you have set loose in American communities. We have seen a 2,500 percent increase in individuals from the federal terrorist watchlist attempting to enter our nation, highlighting to the world that our country is wide open to those with nefarious intentions.

Your dereliction of duty has allowed the seeds of terror, sabotage, and espionage to be planted deep into our home soil. Our adversaries have been exploiting our open border policies for years; under your leadership – empowered by Joe Biden and Kamala Harris – it is only a matter of time before these threats become reality.

Just this month, a planned terror attack on Election Day by an Afghan national – who the Biden-Harris administration claimed was rigorously vetted – was foiled. He entered the United States on a Special Immigration Visa, a direct product of this administration's disastrous failure in Afghanistan. Earlier this year, eight illegal aliens with ties to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria crossed our open border, and terrorists are actively using your agency's CBP One entry program. We also recently witnessed two Jordanian nationals, both here illegally, arrested after attempting to break into Marine Corps Base Quantico.

It is hard to believe this department could be so short-sighted as to hamstring our nation's ability to remove individuals from Lebanon while our ally Israel is defending itself from the same type of terrorists you have welcomed into our country. Already, you have let in individuals planning horrific attacks on the American people – now is not the time to remove tools to safeguard our communities.

Your department and the Biden-Harris administration's lack of regard for the safety of U.S. citizens is sickening. This department's negligence and systemic failures are unacceptable and endanger the only people it is sworn to protect. Your refusal to address these critical issues has destroyed public trust and deeply compromised our national security, and your proven inability to vet foreign nationals is deeply alarming. As such, we strongly urge you to reconsider this reckless action and instead refocus your agency on removing known threats from our nation, securing our borders, and upholding your duty to keep the American people safe.

Sincerely,




Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress



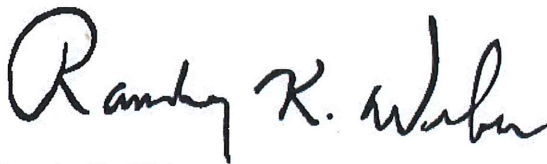
Diana Harshbarger
Member of Congress



Ralph Norman
Member of Congress



Keith Self
Member of Congress



Randy K. Weber
Member of Congress



Andy Biggs
Member of Congress



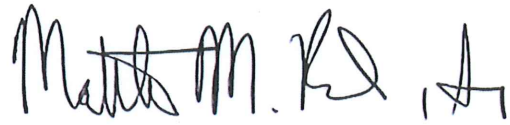
Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress



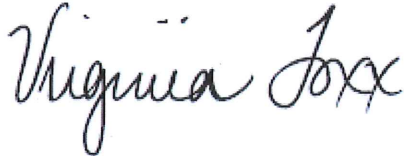
Beth Van Duyne
Member of Congress



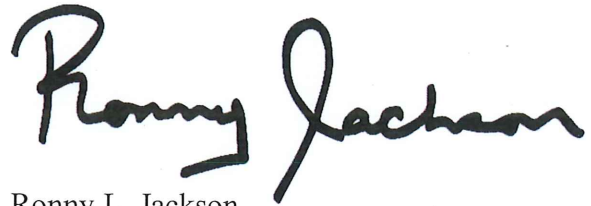
Andy Ogles
Member of Congress



Matt Rosendale
Member of Congress



Virginia Foxx
Member of Congress



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress