## Congress of the United States

March 10, 2021

The Honorable Troy Miller Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Commissioner U.S. Customs and Border Protection 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20004

The Honorable Tae Johnson
Acting Director
United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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Washington, DC 20536

Dear Acting Commissioner Miller and Director Johnson:

We have received numerous troubling reports regarding the ongoing situation at our southern border.

Specifically, we've heard that illegal immigrants infected with COVID-19 are being released into the country without being quarantined per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations – or in many cases, the test results are still unknown when the immigrant is released into the country. We believe this is as great of a "superspreader event" as we can conceive.

Additionally, we are hearing troubling accounts that terrorists have tried to infiltrate the waves of migrants attempting to overwhelm Border Patrol officials at our southern border.

We therefore ask for the following information be provided to Members of Congress as soon as possible:

- How many COVID-19 positive illegal immigrants has Customs and Border Protection released into the United States in 2021?
- Since January 1, 2021, what are the countries of origin of those who have been apprehended at the southern border, and approximately how many of each such country of origin were apprehended?
- How does the data requested above compare to the equivalent statistics from 2011-2020?
   Which countries of origin are seeing higher than average apprehensions, and which countries have seen a decrease?

We eagerly await your prompt response.

## Sincerely,

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