

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2210

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
United States Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington DC, 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas,

I write to you today in outrage over reporting from the *Washington Post* stating the Biden Administration is considering flying illegal aliens to states near the Canadian border for processing.¹ By transporting illegal aliens that may be active carriers of COVID-19, this reckless decision would put my constituents at undue risk of infection. As such, I request you immediately end any and all consideration of transporting illegal aliens to Michigan for processing.

It is common knowledge that Michigan is among the worst-hit states during the pandemic. Michigan currently has more cases per capita in the last seven days than California.² As I am sure you know, one of the most at-risk groups are lower-income communities. These are the constituents in my district in particular who would be the most impacted by your actions.

Despite these facts, your Department is considering a plan to fly illegal aliens to northern border states for processing. My district includes a processing facility near the Blue Water Bridge. The Blue Water Bridge is located in Port Huron, a city where more than one-fourth of its population is impoverished.³ I will not accept the risk of an illegal immigrant shipped to my district under this proposed plan possibly spreading COVID-19 to my vulnerable constituents. I will not stand for what has happened in Texas to occur in Michigan. More than 100 illegal immigrants released by Border Patrol into the state since late January have tested positive for COVID-19 following their arrival.⁴ The risk is too great.

While I empathize with the plight of these illegal aliens, they do not take precedence over the duty I have to my constituents' safety & well-being. My constituents should not have to suffer the consequences of the Biden Administration's destructive immigration policies. This crisis, and yes, Mr. Secretary, this is a crisis, was not caused by the good people of Michigan's 10th Congressional District. They should not have to worry about the federal government importing COVID-19 into their community. Please help me protect my constituents by ending any consideration of your plan to fly illegal immigrants to northern border states for processing.

Sincerely,



Lisa McClain
Member of Congress

¹ [Biden administration considers flying migrants to states near the Canadian border for processing - The Washington Post](#)

² https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days

³ <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/port-huron-mi>

⁴ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/108-migrants-released-border-patrol-texas-positive-coronavirus>