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President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Mr. President,

I write to you in the middle of the worst border crisis in more than twenty years. Today, your administration revealed Border Patrol Agents along our Southwest border encountered more than 180,000 migrants in May alone. Since the start of this fiscal year, nearly one million migrants have been apprehended, and we still have several months left.

I have repeatedly written to members of your administration, Arizona's federal delegation, and state officials, trying to sound the alarm about the border crisis and how it's threatening our nation's safety, security, environment, and economy. Unfortunately, even as we approach summer, the numbers of migrants crossing are not subsiding, which is not normal for this time of year. This is a crisis of great proportions and it must receive our immediate attention. I am requesting that you end your overseas trip to return home to solve the catastrophe at our border.

This crisis does not simply affect Americans; it also affects the hundreds of thousands of migrants who pay thousands of dollars to cartels and smugglers to reach our border. Many are sadly abused along the way, including women and children. We know the cartels are recycling children to smuggle people and drugs across the border. As the temperature on the ground increases above 100 degrees, many migrants will perish or become severely dehydrated. This is a humanitarian disaster.

Additionally, the cartels use the migrants to funnel deadly drugs into our country, which are pouring into American communities. We also know that thousands of "gotaways" escape apprehension every month into the shadows around the country. These people are often hardened criminals who want to evade detection by law enforcement.

Mr. President, the buck stops with you. You are the Commander in Chief and are responsible for the conditions at the border. Republicans and Democrats from the federal, state,

and local government should work together to uphold our laws, secure our border, and end the rampant human and drug trafficking.

I believe solving this crisis starts by visiting the border and talking to the members of law enforcement and land owners on the ground. I hope that you will join me at the southern border in Arizona in the near future. I will make myself available at a date and time of your choosing.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to receiving your response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brnovich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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