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

I am writing you out of grave concern regarding reports that you are considering ending Title 42. It would be unacceptable and dangerous to end this policy, particularly as our country deals with the worst border crisis in 20 years. Today, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection released alarming numbers revealing 188,829 individuals attempted entry along the southwest border in June 2021 alone. If you rescind this effective policy, illegal crossings and human and drug smuggling will only further explode.

Ending Title 42 would undermine your Administration's entire public health rationale. For months, you have been telling the American people to not gather in large groups unless they are vaccinated and wearing masks. Yet, you are allowing mass groups of migrants to cross our border and gather in congregate care facilities, many of whom originate from Central American countries lacking adequate COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs. Mr. President, ending Title 42 will unnecessarily put Americans, especially our frontline law enforcement officers and those working in U.S. Department of Homeland Security facilities, at further risk.

In March, you appointed Vice President Harris to explore the "root causes" of the surge of migrants. In a desperate search for answers, she is now sending \$300 million to Central American countries. I can save you time and resources in your search for answers of why migrants are flocking to the United States. We are the freest and most prosperous country in the world. We are the longest continuous Constitutional Republic, a nation built on law and order, and as representatives of the American people we all have a responsibility to respect and uphold those principles.

Mr. President, you and your Administration have remained silent while I have repeatedly worked to convey our concerns regarding your policy decisions and their detrimental impact on the safety of Arizonans. I believe in bipartisanship and a cooperative approach to immigration enforcement between the states and the federal government. Therefore, I respectfully request that you reconsider any attempts to end Title 42.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Brnovich
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