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BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

"We simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States undetected, undocumented, unchecked, and circumventing the line of people who are waiting patiently, diligently, and lawfully to become immigrants in this country." – President Barack Obama, December 15, 2005

"As I have said repeatedly, our borders are not open to illegal migration; if you come here illegally, we will send you back consistent with our laws and values... We must enforce the law in accordance with these priorities, and secure our borders." – Former DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, January 4, 2016

Quickly Moving From Crisis To Chaos

- Southwest border encounters reached a new **21-year high** in July 2021.

JULY 2020 ENCOUNTERS

40,929

JULY 2021 ENCOUNTERS

212,672

- **212,672 migrants** were encountered along the southwest border, including 110,443 single adults; 82,966 family units; and 18,962 unaccompanied minors.
 - **420% increase** compared to July 2020
 - **290% increase** above the 3-year average for July
 - **Over 5,500 more** individuals encountered **per day** along the southwest border than in July 2020
 - The number of unaccompanied children encountered **increased by 24%** from June 2021.
 - Encounters of family units **surged by nearly 49%** in July 2021 from June 2021.
- Border encounters have **increased every month** since President Biden took office. July was the **5th straight month** with more than 170,000 encounters – a trend never before recorded.
- CBP **expelled only 95,788 individuals** under Title 42 in July 2021, down significantly from June 2021 and **less than half** of the total monthly encounters.
- **27% of migrants** encountered in July 2021 had at least **one prior encounter with CBP** in the previous 12 months, more than double the average one-year re-encounter rate of 14% for FY2014 – 2019.

- Since January 2021, there have been **over 1.3 million illegal crossings** along the southwest border, nearly **three times** as many as FY2020.
- **8,691 individuals** with **criminal convictions** have been arrested since January 2021 attempting to illegally cross the border, compared to just **2,438** in FY2020.

Drugs Flowing Right Into Our Communities

- Violent cartel and gang activity is re-emerging in communities across the county from Portland, OR to Long Island, NY, as illegal drugs continue to pour over the border.
- CBP has seized almost **twice as much** fentanyl already in FY2021, with two months remaining, than in all of FY2020.
 - This is enough fentanyl to **kill 2.1 billion people** or the U.S. population **over six times**.
- On August 5, 2021, CBP seized over 5,500 pounds of methamphetamine, and 127 pounds of fentanyl powder worth an estimated \$13 million – marking the **largest methamphetamine drug smuggling seizure** along the southwest border, to date.

Facilitating The Spread Of COVID In Communities

- As COVID cases continue to rise across the country, President Biden and his administration have resorted to **releasing thousands of COVID-positive migrants** into border towns including McAllen and Laredo.
- In July 2021, the number of migrants who tested positive for COVID-19 in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector alone **increased by 900%**.
- A representative from Catholic Charities called the increase in COVID-positive migrants crossing our borders illegally **“overwhelming.”**
- Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has chosen not to effectively utilize the Title 42 public health authority to expel migrants illegally crossing the border, expelling **only 45%** of those encountered in July 2021 – choosing political expediency above the public health of Americans.
- As powerful variants continue to spread around the world, **preserving COVID-19 pandemic recovery** in the U.S. is exactly why it’s now so important to enforce Title 42.
- More on the importance of Title 42 authority **here**.