Border Crisis Continues with No End in Sight

Since President Biden has been in office, over 2 million illegal migrants have been encountered at the Southwest Border.

178,840 migrants were encountered along the southwest border in December 2021, including 114,993 single adults (64%), 51,624 family units (29%), and 11,921 unaccompanied minors (7%).

- 142% increase from December 2020
- 340% increase from December 2019

This is the highest number of encounters for December in recorded history.

- In the first three months of FY 2022, there have been 518,370 encounters. This is more than double the first three months of FY 2021 which at the time saw a record high of 218,306 encounters.

- December was the 10th straight month with more than 160,000 encounters – a trend never before recorded.

- CBP expelled only 44% of individuals under Title 42 in December 2021, again highlighting the Biden administration’s refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.

- 23% of migrants encountered in December 2021 had at least one prior encounter with CBP in the previous 12 months.
Drug & Crime Crisis

- The border crisis is much more than migrants seeking asylum – criminals, weapons, drugs, and trafficked persons are coming across our border in record numbers.

- In just the first two months of Fiscal Year 2021, CBP arrested 1,682 individuals with criminal convictions and dozens of known gang members, including 42 members of MS-13.

- CBP seized 913,326 pounds of drugs in 2021. Cocaine seizures had a 68 percent increase and fentanyl had a 134 percent increase from 2020.

- Fentanyl seizures continue to skyrocket. In 2021, CBP seized 11,201 pounds of fentanyl in 2021.
  - We are seeing drugs like marijuana being laced with lethal amounts of fentanyl – leading to tragic overdoses.
  - The U.S. recently recorded its highest number of drug-overdose deaths in a 12-month period, eclipsing 100,000 for the first time, according to the CDC.
  - Fentanyl is the leading cause of death of Americans aged 18 to 45 years old.
  - DEA has issued its first public safety alert in 6 years due to the surge of fentanyl crossing our Southern Border.