



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

September 19, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

Stop pointing fingers and playing politics with immigrants. You lied to the American people when you promised an immigration reform law within 100 days of your Presidency and failed to deliver. Sadly, this is not the first time. I distinctly remember when I was a journalist for MEGA TV in 2010 – you and President Barack Obama called a meeting and personally promised a group of Latino news networks you would sign a Dreamer bill into law. This was when Democrats controlled the White House, House of Representatives, and Senate. Yet, you chose other priorities, and immigrants were left behind. Now, you are quick to accuse Republicans of political stunts while refusing to talk about solutions. You cannot continue to blame others when you have failed to act time and time again.

Actions speak louder than words. Your Administration has made every issue *except* immigration a priority. Let's check the record: your Administration has pushed several priorities through Congress. These include COVID, Infrastructure, CHIPS, and Climate Change. Noticeably absent is immigration. If you are going to accuse others of playing politics, you should start with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Ask them why they walked away from a deal with President Trump to legalize 1.8 million Dreamers in exchange for \$20 billion in border security funding. Despite promising to do immigration reform for decades, like you, they refused to act when they had the chance.

You are putting lives at risk and the hypocrisy is on full display to the American people. Your open border policies are encouraging illegal immigration and directly putting lives at risk. The Southern Border states and Florida bear a disproportionate share of the burden of illegal immigration, and they have been asking for help. Last year, you sent 70 flights of migrants to Florida – in the dead of night – and after this was exposed, never gave a reason why. Yet, when a comparatively small number of migrants arrive in Washington D.C., Chicago, and the Northeast, the mayors of these areas declare a state of emergency. Meanwhile, your Administration continues to deny that we have a crisis or an emergency. Thousands more are making the dangerous journey across the border every day. We will continue to have a humanitarian, human trafficking, and drug smuggling crisis until we solve this.

I have a solution, so let's fix this. The Dignity Act (HR 6637) is the only immigration reform proposal in Congress that actually solves this crisis. The Dignity Act ends illegal immigration once and for all, fully secures the border, and fixes our broken asylum system. Critically, it recognizes the human dignity of every individual made in God's image – something that must be front and center when we are having this conversation. After stopping illegal immigration, the Dignity Act offers a practical and compassionate solution for the undocumented, while helping American workers and restoring the economy. All this is accomplished at no cost to the American taxpayer. It is what our country needs right now.

It's time for you to stop ignoring real solutions. I respectfully ask you to stop pointing fingers and get serious about solving this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Salazar'.

Maria Elvira Salazar
Member of Congress