



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4305

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Administrator Pekoske
Transportation Security Administration
TSA Headquarters
East Tower, Floor 11, TSA-5
601 South Twelfth Street
Arlington, VA 20598

Dear Administrator Pekoske,

We request clarification on the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) policies and procedures to protect the nation's transportation systems and mitigate national security risks. I have serious concerns TSA is actively assisting illegal immigrants without proper identification travel throughout the country. Therefore, we are requesting TSA provide assistance in identifying and preventing the unprecedented flow of illegal immigrants into and throughout the United States and the role TSA has played in facilitating this influx of migrants.

Over 1.6 million immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border this year alone. Even more alarming, over 160,000 aliens have been released into the United States with little to no oversight. This presents a significant safety risk to the American people. Additionally, criminal organizations reportedly made up to \$14 million a day in February by trafficking women, children, and families across the U.S.-Mexico border.

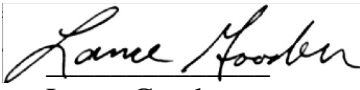
Given the potential misuse of taxpayer funds, violation of federal law, and the continued flow of illegal immigration throughout the country, we request TSA provide the following information to help develop legislative solutions:

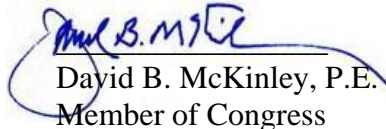
1. What policies and procedures are in place to identify and screen Non-US/Canadian citizens who do not have documents issued by the U.S. government or passports?
2. Please specify policies and procedures related to TSA's Secure Flight.
 - a. What personal data is collected, used, distributed, stored, and disposed?
 - b. What information is shared with the airline?
3. Please confirm the number of Non-US/Canadian citizens that have been screened by TSA from January 1st, 2021 through October 31st, 2021.
 - a. Please specify the number of Non-US/Canadian citizens TSA successfully screened.

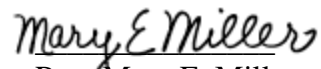
- b. Please specify the number of Non-US/Canadian citizens TSA denied.
4. If proper identification is not available, what documents are sufficient to allow a Non-US/Canadian citizen to clear TSA's checkpoint before proceeding into the sterile area of an airport?
 - a. Please list each document.
5. If the alternate document was provided by a federal agency, has that agency confirmed to TSA the document confirms the identity of the alien and is sufficient documentation to allow them to fly?
6. Please share any policies and procedures related to airport Federal Security Director (FSD) responsibility in screening passengers with no identification.
7. Is a letter from a non-government organization sufficient for TSA to confirm the identity of a traveler?
8. What health screenings are aliens required to undergo prior to boarding a plane to ensure they are not putting other passengers at risk? Who verifies that the screenings have taken place and where is that information logged?
9. Are airlines made aware of aliens traveling on their flights?
10. What policies or procedures are in place to coordinate with federal, state and local law enforcement regarding the transportation of illegal immigrants throughout the country?

We sincerely hope you are taking every step necessary to protect the nation's transportation system and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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