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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

On November 15, a U.S. District Court Judge vacated the CDC's Title 42 public health order, which will result in sweeping changes to policy and processing for many arriving migrants and increased security challenges for the Department of Homeland Security operating at our Southwest Border. To allow the federal government adequate time to prepare for this transition, the court granted a temporary, five-week stay of its order.

In March, the Administration shared a plan with Congress for the eventual end of Title 42—a plan that included surging resources to the Southwest Border. As a Member of Congress representing a border state and communities, I request a full accounting of the implementation of the Administration's plan and urge the Administration to provide Congress with a request for any additional funding DHS may need to secure the border while also providing a safe, lawful, and humane processing system for arriving migrants.

In the few short weeks left in the 117th Congress, many legislative challenges remain, including potential deals on government funding and bipartisan immigration reform. But avoiding a crisis at the border, spurred by the sudden end of Title 42, must also be a top priority. If emergency supplemental funding is needed to protect our national security interests and avoid a humanitarian catastrophe along the border, I will lead the effort in Congress to provide the Administration with the required resources.

It has been clear for months: changing America's policy on Title 42 without a plan in place and the resources necessary will overwhelm communities and humanitarian organizations along the Southwest Border. For food, shelter, medical care, and transportation, the federal government turns to local partners—and those local governments and NGOs are already stretched thin. We must work together to ensure there is a plan to shore up these indispensable entities and humanitarian organizations with collaborative support and the federal resources they need to continue their crucial work.

I stand at the ready and thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress