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**TEXAS BORDER COALITION URGENT REQUEST FOR ACTION TO
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., Chairman of the Texas Border Coalition (TBC), a collective voice of border communities on issues that affect the Texas - Mexico border region, sent an urgent request for action to the Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding the Blueprint for a Fair, Orderly and Humane Immigration System.

TBC supports the Biden Administration's Blueprint published on July 27th which includes: increasing investments in border technology, modernizing the land ports of entry, reducing visa and immigration court backlogs, investing in Central America, and the congressional action to reform our nation's broken immigration system. These actions have been long supported by TBC for many years, but recent regional concerns need immediate federal immigration action.

With such being said, border communities are urging the Biden Administration to expedite the Blueprint plans to improve the removal process of migrants who do not qualify for asylum. TBC requests Border Patrol to work with local communities and humanitarian support organizations as current operations are at or beyond capacity and need help, especially should Title 42 authorities be removed. When organizations or their local government partners ask Border Patrol to pause releasing migrants to allow humanitarian organizations to appropriately support them, or to stop releasing migrants infected with COVID-19, TBC informs such requests should be honored.

Due to a recent upsurge of COVID-19 cases throughout the State, TBC additionally requests the Administration keep Title 42 authorities in place until regional positivity rates decrease. Should Title 42 restrictions be lifted, TBC requests appropriate consultation with border leaders to assure that adequate plans are issued and urges further communication regarding future plans for returning to normal operations at the land ports of entry. This includes efficient and safe operations. TBC requests that CBP ensure its personnel is vaccinated and properly equipped with PPE to protect the health and safety of its employees, their families, border communities, and all individuals seeking to cross our borders.

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