

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With the recent release of thousands of Taliban prisoners located at Bagram Air Force Base (“Bagram”) and a U.S. Border that is a border in name-only, this combination will be disastrous when it comes to protecting our homeland and the safety and security of the American people. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security must take steps immediately to secure our border from any individual who would seek to bring harm to the American people.

When the U.S. Armed Forces vacated Bagram unexpectedly on July 2, 2021, it left the responsibility of guarding 5,000 prisoners, many allegedly al-Qaeda and Taliban, to the care of the Afghan National Security and Defense Force.¹ With the total collapse of the Afghan military, the Taliban has now complete control of Afghanistan. We can only assume that the prisoners at Bagram have now been released.

It would be foolish to pretend our adversaries do not know that our Southern Border is seeing record numbers of illegal entries. You have a duty to secure the border of the United States today in order to protect the homeland and the American people. The failure to do so puts lives and the security of our nation and the American people at risk.

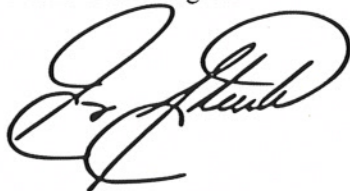
We look forward to hearing what additional and urgent steps the Department of Homeland Security is now taking to address this threat. Specifically, if and how the Federal government will be tracking these prisoners?

Thank you for your service and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey
Member of Congress



W. Gregory Steube
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Scott Perry
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Earl L. “Buddy” Carter
Member of Congress

¹ See <https://apnews.com/article/bagram-afghanistan-airfield-us-troops-f3614828364f567593251aaaa167e623>
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