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The Honorable Troy Miller
Acting Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Acting Commissioner Miller,

I write today with concerns about the recently released Customs and Border Patrol data for FY2021. Specifically, I am seeking clarity about a discrepancy in the Criminal Noncitizen Statistics Fiscal Year 2021.

In the 10 months since President Biden took office and began implementing open-border policies, I have watched with grave concern as these criminal statistics have ticked up at an alarming pace. When discussing the 1.7 million illegal border crossings we have witnessed in 2021, most people focus on the cost imposed on American taxpayers, the adverse impact on our culture and society, and the cheapening of our nation's laws and sovereignty. While I share those concerns, I have been shocked to see the increase in criminal activity committed by individuals here illegally. As you know, FY2021 saw 10,763 U.S. Border Patrol Criminal Noncitizen Arrests, a 341% increase from FY20. There was a 348% increase in Driving Under the Influence, a 454% increase in Illegal Drug Possession and Trafficking, a 477% increase in Burglary, Robbery, Larceny, Theft, and Fraud, and a 213% increase in Sexual Offenses.

Each month, my staff and I reviewed the Total Criminal Convictions by Type and confirmed that the crime rates are increasing across the board month over month. However, in reviewing the most recently published FY21 data, the "Homicide, manslaughter" category had inexplicably dropped from 53 – which represented a 1666% increase from FY2020 – to 10. My staff has reached out to your staff and has yet to receive a response.

While we may vehemently disagree on the policies regarding border security and immigration enforcement, we must be able to agree on the importance of reliable, accurate data. To clarify this discrepancy and bolster our shared commitment to transparency, I am requesting the following:

- Month by month data on each of the "Total Criminal Convictions by Type" for FY21;
- Any explanation as to why a category could see a decrease from the previous month;
- Methodology for erasing a criminal conviction from your database;
- Your Agency's explanation for the sudden discrepancy in the "Homicide, manslaughter" data.

Thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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