

United States Senate

October 6, 2023

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

I write regarding reports that your administration has reached an agreement with Venezuela's government to deport back to Venezuela select numbers of illegal aliens at our southern border.

Migrants are rushing to the United States because you invited them, both by refusing to enforce the law and by literal invitation through your abuse of immigration "parole," and a few repatriation flights will do little to repair the damage, especially while you continue allowing illegal aliens to flood into the country. Further, there is little reason to believe Venezuela agreed to your repatriation flights without getting something in return.

Please answer the following questions as soon as practicable, and make senior administration officials available to brief Congress no later than Friday, October 13:

- (1) What are the terms of your repatriation agreement with Venezuela?
- (2) What side deals or other agreements involving Venezuela have you made in the past 90 days?
- (3) How many Venezuelans enter the United States illegally every month, both across our southern border and through your administration's "parole" program?
- (4) How many illegal aliens will be deported to Venezuela each month under your plan?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton
United States Senator