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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write regarding the pending deployment of active-duty troops to the southern border. As Title 42 lifts next week, it will be more important than ever to have in place a cohesive and responsive government strategy, with as much transparency as possible, to address a potential influx of migrants.

I understand the complexities and challenges that lifting Title 42 will place on our southern border. That is why additional military personnel on Arizona's border are needed to alleviate some of the burdens our border communities on the frontlines are expected to face, so long as those personnel are not engaged in law enforcement activities consistent with federal law.

However, in recent conversations with border town mayors and county officials in Arizona, I have heard repeated concerns about a lack of information around federal government policy that directly impacts Arizonans, our communities, and our local economies. That includes limited notification of what resources and Department of Defense personnel will be sent to their area.

As a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, it is important that we conduct proper oversight of our military. Therefore, I request that your administration provide detailed information regarding this deployment. Specifically, I request the following information as soon as possible:

- What units are being deployed and from where?
- Where will they be deployed, including how many servicemembers will be deployed to Arizona?
- Where will they be housed and have you communicated with any municipalities, counties, or states for which you have made basing decisions?
- How will their departure hinder their primary mission?
- When is their anticipated arrival and the anticipated length of deployment?

This deployment will impact my constituents in Arizona and across other border states – there must be transparency. I urge you to communicate with all relevant stakeholders, including local and county leaders whose communities would be affected by a surge in immigration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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

Ruben Gallego  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

CC: The Honorable Lloyd Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense  
The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security