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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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September 9, 2024

Ms. Melissa Lopez Executive Director Estrella del Paso 2400A East Yandell Dr. El Paso, TX 79903

Dear Ms. Lopez:

The Committee on the Judiciary respectfully requests your testimony at a hearing titled, "The Biden-Harris Border Crisis: Victim Perspectives," on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2141 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will examine the effects of the current southwest border crisis on Americans and their communities. Please be prepared to summarize your testimony with a five-minute opening statement and to answer questions posed by Committee Members.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. Please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. If you have not done so already, please contact Committee staff as soon as possible to confirm your attendance. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Loving of the Committee staff at (202) 225-6906 or andrea.loving@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Jim Jordai

Chairman

**Enclosures** 

## <u>Witness Instruction Sheet</u> Non-governmental Witnesses

- 1. Witnesses should provide their testimony, biography, and "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification form via e-mail to Evangeline McLean, Clerk, at <a href="mailto:Evangeline.McLean@mail.house.gov">Evangeline.McLean@mail.house.gov</a>, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing.
- 2. Witnesses must complete the attached "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification. Additional pages may be attached to the form if needed. Witnesses must also include a biography, resume, or curriculum vitae. This disclosure and biographical information are required by House Rules. (House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5))
- 3. Written testimony, biography, and "Truth in Testimony" disclosure and certification form will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website and U.S. House of Representatives Document Repository. It is therefore recommended that personally identifiable information such as addresses and phone numbers not be included in the biographical information.
- 4. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Full written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
- 5. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on the Judiciary at (202) 225-6906.

## **Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form**

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee:		
Subcommittee:		
Hearing Date:		
Hearing :		
Witness Name:		
Position/Title:		
Witness Type: O Governmental O Non-governmental		
Are you representing yourself or an organization? Oself Organization		
If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:		
FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY		
Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.		
Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any		
organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.		

Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.
Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you or the organization(s) you represent have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.
Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.
☐ I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
☐ I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

- (5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.
- (B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include—(i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.
- (C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include—(i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.
- (D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

<sup>\*</sup>Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

False Statements Certification	
Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § made part of the hearing record.	
Witness signature	Date