

Questions for the Record from Rep. Van Drew for The Honorable Xavier Becerra
“Oversight of the Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement”
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

1. Secretary Becerra, I want simple yes or no answers. Knowing now how the foundational rule has worked, do you still believe it was the right answer to our border crisis?
2. Yes or no, do you believe this rule is fair to the hundreds of thousands of UACs who have been lost or abused?
3. Yes or no, do you believe it is right to allow sponsors to refuse background checks and still be eligible for placement?
4. Why doesn't the Foundational Rule categorically disqualify sponsors with criminal records or child welfare violations?
5. The Foundational Rule prohibits sharing immigration-related information about sponsors with law enforcement. How can you claim this will protect UACs or prevent them from being placed in dangerous homes or situations?