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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

At yesterday's Senate hearing you failed to answer my questions about basic information on apprehensions at the U.S. border. When asked for the same information at a House hearing today, you still could not provide the data. As the crisis at the border worsens each week, it is unacceptable that you chose to appear before the American people at multiple hearings unprepared to provide such crucial information. I once again request that you provide the following:

1. Of the approximately 1.3 million apprehensions, how many people have been returned, how many people have been detained, and how many people have been dispersed into the U.S.?

I expect you to provide this information by the end of this week, and, if you fail to do so, provide a written response explaining why. In addition, you still have not responded to the questions I submitted to you following your testimony on July 27, 2021. I expect your response to those questions by the end of this month. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations