

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 14, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

I write today regarding the Biden administration's decision to award a contract worth as much as \$529.5 million to the nonprofit, Family Endeavors.¹ According to recent media reports, Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded the no-bid contract to the Texas nonprofit, Family Endeavors, after the group "hired a Biden transition official."² This no-bid contract is reportedly "the second largest ever awarded by [HHS] overseeing the migrant child program."³

To better understand the reasons why HHS unilaterally awarded this contract to Family Endeavors, please provide the following material no later than April 28, 2021:

1. All emails regarding HHS's review of and decision on this contract. Please include any communications between and among HHS employees and employees or representatives of Family Endeavors.
2. HHS's justification for why it did not compete the contract that it ultimately awarded to Family Endeavors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Johnson
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee
on Investigations

¹ Lachlan Markay and Stef W. Kight, *Exclusive: Texas nonprofit got massive border contract after hiring Biden official*, AXIOS (April 13, 2021) https://www.axios.com/texas-nonprofit-border-contract-biden-official-23a493f4-6779-44f0-a5d4-db8690f11aec.html?utm_campaign=organic&utm_medium=socialshare&utm_source=twitter.

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