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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C St. S.W.
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Dear Secretary Kennedy:

We appreciate and strongly support the Trump-Vance Administration's commitment to securing our borders and enforcing immigration law. According to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Rodney Scott, on July 10, 2025, ten juvenile illegal aliens, at least eight of whom were unaccompanied alien children (UACs), were found during the execution of a criminal warrant at a marijuana facility, Glass House Farms, in southern California.¹ The discovery of these juveniles at a marijuana facility, and in the presence of at least one dangerous illegal alien previously convicted of child molestation,² highlights the continuing consequences of the Biden-Harris Administration's open-border policies.

When CBP encounters a UAC at the border, the UAC is transferred to the care and custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and, in most cases, placed with a sponsor.³ The Committee and Subcommittee conducted extensive oversight last Congress into the failures of the Biden-Harris Administration to ensure the safety and security of UACs. The Biden-Harris Administration sought to place UACs quickly, oftentimes "ignor[ing] obvious signs of labor exploitation."⁴ Former HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra urged ORR officials to move faster, equating the process by which UACs are placed with sponsors to products coming off an assembly line.⁵ Secretary

¹ CBP Commissioner Rodney Scott (@CBPCommissioner), X (July 10, 2025, 11:25 PM), <https://x.com/CBPCommissioner/status/1943511972441391376>.

² Peter D'Abrosca & Bill Melugin, *Child predator among more than 300 nabbed in cannabis farm ICE raid, largest of Trump's second term*, FOX NEWS (July 12, 2025), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/child-predatory-among-more-than-300-nabbed-cannabis-farm-ice-raid-largest-trumps-second-term>.

³ William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-457 § 235, 112 Stat. 5044, 5077 (2008) (8 U.S.C. § 1232(b)(1)).

⁴ Hannah Dreier, *Alone and Exploited, Migrant Children Work Brutal Jobs Across the U.S.*, N.Y. TIMES (Feb. 28, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/02/25/us/unaccompanied-migrant-child-workers-exploitation.html>.

⁵ Hannah Dreier (@hannahdreier), X (Feb 25, 2023, 6:13PM) <https://twitter.com/hannahdreier/status/1629620674984648704>.

Becerra made these demands clear to ORR senior leadership, reportedly telling then-ORR Director Cindy Huang that “if she could not increase the number of discharges, he would find someone who could.”⁶ Huang resigned a month later, and, reportedly, a similar threat was made to her successor.⁷

The discovery of UACs at a California marijuana farm raises questions about ORR’s placement of UACs—particularly during the Biden-Harris Administration—and the sufficiency of sponsor vetting. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to conduct oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures.⁸ To assist the Committee with its continued oversight of federal immigration policy and procedures, we ask that you please provide the following materials regarding all of the UACs found at the Glass House Farms facility:


1. All case history information, including but not limited to the aliens’ case files, family reunification packets, materials provided to HHS ORR by federal agencies such as CBP upon the aliens’ referrals, any information provided to HHS ORR pursuant to its request for information from the referring agency, and all information about sponsor vetting, including immigration information about all sponsors and potential sponsors.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Chairman



Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Immigration
Integrity, Security, and Enforcement

cc: The Honorable Jamie Raskin, Ranking Member

The Honorable Pramila Jayapal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Immigration
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⁶ Dreier, *supra* note 4.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, R. X (2023).