

Dear [Name of Staff Member or Member of Congress - Member of Congress should be addressed as the Honorable Representative {first and last name}]

Thank you for meeting with me [and any other participant] who are or pastor a congregation in District [#] as we shared our concerns about the treatment of migrants at the Texas border. [Include information about your conversation and what was discussed in the meeting. Reiterate any asks you made that the Member of Congress was still considering when you left or thank them for any actions they promised to take. If there was anything that you needed to follow up on, do so here.]

We understand that comprehensive immigration reform is a worthy goal, but in the meantime, Congress needs to reassert legislative authority over the rules that are being implemented by the executive branch. By waiting for comprehensive reform, the days, weeks, and months that pass allow for victimization of more vulnerable people. Short term solutions need to be found quickly to save lives and offer humane treatment. We do not want to see any more pictures of drowned children being fished out of the Rio Grande.

Our group is part of Texas Impact, a faith-based organization representing approximately 5 million people of faith in Texas. Recently, a group of 100 pastors visited the border and personally witnessed the deplorable conditions asylum seekers are experiencing. Some of our experiences are recorded in the document we left with you, titled "The Light of Truth." We appreciate your willingness to share this with the Congress[man/woman]. Please do not hesitate to contact me, [any other participant], or Texas Impact with any questions or suggestions on how we might help you.

[Consider closing with a small prayer or bible verse to connect your experience at the border with your faith.]

[Closing - thank you, sincerely, blessings, grace and peace, etc]

[Title, first name, last name]

[Congregation and address]