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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

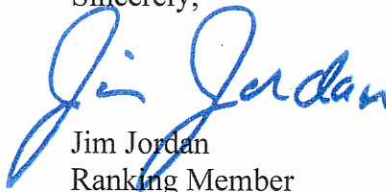
On Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at 10:42 a.m., you distributed the memorandum for tomorrow's hearing about the crisis at the southern border.¹ We learned then for the first time that you had invited four Democrat Members—including three Members of our Committee—to testify on the hearing's first panel: Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX); Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), and Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI).

Therefore, for fairness and to ensure a balanced presentation tomorrow, we respectfully request that you invite the following Republican Members to testify about the unprecedented humanitarian and security crisis at the southern border:

1. Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ)
2. Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX)
3. Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)
4. Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX)

These Members represent districts and states that are at or near the border, and their first-hand testimony will shed light on what is actually happening on our southern border. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member

¹ Memorandum from Majority Staff, Committee on Oversight and Reform, *Hearing on "The Trump Administration's Child Separation Policy: Substantiated Allegations of Mistreatment"* (July 10, 2019) (on file with the Comm.).