TOP 10 LIST OF EXECUTIVE ACTIONS PRESIDENT BIDEN COULD TAKE TO STOP THE BORDER CRISIS

1. Use expedited removal for illegal border-crossers as set forth in law. Expedited removal allows border officials to detain and swiftly remove illegal aliens without bogging down the immigration courts, but still allowing asylum claims to be heard. But instead of using expedited removal, the Biden administration has purposely placed most aliens apprehended at the border into regular removal proceedings, which take years and compound the court backlogs. They do this because bypassing expedited removal makes it easier to release aliens.

2. Use all available detention beds to ensure illegal aliens are deported and to deter illegal immigration. Congress requires that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) maintain 34,000 detention beds, but the Biden administration has not filled these beds and, in fact, has consistently asked that Congress cut bed space. Instead, ICE opts for “alternatives to detention” to allow illegal aliens to move freely across the country.

3. Reinstate the Remain in Mexico program, which is already authorized by statute and was proven to work by the previous administration. Because this program requires asylum-seekers to wait in Mexico for their claims to be adjudicated, it serves as a strong deterrent to illegal immigration and, in particular, asylum fraud.

4. End the use of parole to release illegal aliens into the United States or to fly them in from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Biden has used parole to release well over a million illegal aliens during his presidency. This abuse of parole not only encourages more illegal immigration, it directly violates the parole statute because it is not temporary and is not granted on a case-by-case basis.

5. Stop issuing illegal aliens work permits. The overwhelming majority of illegal aliens are economic migrants who want to work and send money home. The law does not require the government to grant illegal aliens work authorization. In fact, the law prohibits employers from hiring them. Still, the Biden administration has been issuing millions of work permits to illegal aliens, claiming it has such discretion, and making them valid for five years.

6. Rescind the immigration enforcement priorities memorandum issued by Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas that restricts the ability of ICE to arrest and detain illegal aliens. In this memo, Mayorkas sought to re-write our immigration law by proclaiming: “[T]he fact an individual is a removable noncitizen … should not alone be the basis of an enforcement action against them.” ICE should uniformly apply the law to all aliens and not exempt any groups from enforcement.

7. Rather than limiting cooperation with state and local law enforcement, launch 287(g) partnerships nationwide so that local law enforcement agencies can serve as a force multiplier in the enforcement of our immigration laws.

8. Issue detainers with local law enforcement agencies, demanding that they hold all criminal aliens, and swiftly detain and remove them once they are released from local jails. The administration should make jurisdictions ineligible for federal grant funding if they do not comply with detainers.

9. Redirect the hundreds of millions of federal dollars that are currently going to NGOs and sanctuary cities that facilitate illegal immigration to the Border Patrol and ICE.

10. Take diplomatic action against countries that don’t take back their nationals when we seek to deport them. Federal law requires the executive branch to deny visas to any nationals from countries that deny or impede repatriation. Invoking this power would be a powerful incentive to get foreign governments to cooperate.