

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2021

Letter to Congressional Leaders on Termination of the Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States and Redirection of Funds Diverted to Border Wall Construction

February 10, 2021

Dear Madam Speaker: (Dear Madam President:)

Consistent with section 202(a) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622, I hereby report that I have issued a proclamation that terminates the national emergency first declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019 (Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Southern Border of the United States).

I have determined that the declaration of a national emergency at our southern border was unwarranted. I have also announced that it shall be the policy of my Administration that no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall, and that I am directing a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to that end.

I hereby report to the Congress that the national emergency declared by Proclamation 9844, and continued on February 13, 2020, and January 15, 2021, is terminated and that the authorities invoked in that proclamation will no longer be used to construct a wall at the southern border.

I am enclosing a copy of the proclamation I have issued.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Kamala D. Harris, President of the Senate. The letter referred to Proclamation 10142 of January 20. The letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on February 11. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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