

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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Mark Zuckerberg
Chief Executive Officer
Meta Platforms, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Zuckerberg,

I am deeply concerned about Meta's recent decision to allow "content soliciting smuggling services and sharing information related to illegal border crossing." Meta's decision will undoubtedly continue to exacerbate the crisis at the Southwest border, as it has over the last year, by encouraging and facilitating criminal activity.

As you well know, the ongoing situation at the Southwest border is a humanitarian crisis. Cartels exploit individuals seeking to cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally. Due to the record volume of illegal crossings, Border Patrol agents are required to take care of children and process migrants, while their primary role of the securing the border is secondary. As a result, more humans, drugs, and weapons are trafficked through our Southwest border, and Americans are left to pay the price. In fact, the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45 is now fentanyl.

In the time since I sent a previous letter in May 2021, Meta has done nothing to moderate content regarding illegal activities. In a call with officials at Facebook shortly after the letter had been received, our team was assured actions were being taken regarding such content. Instead, Meta has enabled the cartels by providing a forum to coordinate illegal border crossings and trafficking for transnational criminal organizations.

In Meta's internal memo, the company confirmed that it has an explicit policy that allows "content soliciting smuggling services and sharing information related to illegal border crossing." I am confident Meta understands that social media companies are the primary methods of communication individuals use when organizing illicit border crossings and trafficking. As a result, this company policy surely has a direct impact on the border crisis and is making it worse.

I strongly urge Meta to promptly change the company policy to explicitly prohibit content that encourages illicit border crossings and trafficking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kat Cammack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kat Cammack
Member of Congress