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## **House Amendment to Senate Humanitarian Supplemental *Democrats' Amendment Makes Critical Improvements For The Children***

The humanitarian emergency at our southern border is an affront to American values and requires immediate action. The House Amendment makes the Senate bill better by expanding funding for key priorities and improving the care of migrant children and families. The House Amendment modifies the Senate bill by:

- **Strengthening Requirements for Children's Health.** Requires Customs and Border Protection to establish plans, standards, and protocols to better ensure the health and safety of children and adults in custody, including standards for medical care and medical emergencies; nutrition, hygiene, and facilities; and personnel training.
- **Tightening Restrictions for Children's Safety.** Sets a limit of 90 days for any unaccompanied child to spend at an influx shelter unless the Secretary submits written notification to Congress that there is insufficient space at State-licensed facilities to facilitate a transfer. Requires the Secretary to replace contractors or grantees who fail to meet enhanced standards required under the *Flores* settlement.
- **Supporting Nonprofits and Communities Caring for Children's Well-being.** Adds \$30 million in funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Food and Shelter Program, for a total of \$60 million, to assist jurisdictions experiencing a significant influx of migrants and non-profit organizations serving those communities.
- **Embracing Compassionate Processing for Children's Comfort.** Adds \$200 million in funding for Customs and Border Protection for an integrated, multi-agency processing center pilot program, with participation by non-profit organizations, which is culturally, linguistically and religiously appropriate for children and families.
- **Enhancing Accountability and Transparency.**
  - Requires the Department of Health and Human Services report to Congress within 24 hours if an unaccompanied child dies in Office of Refugee Resettlement custody.
  - Requires facilities caring for unaccompanied children to allow oversight visits from Members of Congress without a requirement for prior notice.
- **Mandating Fiscal Responsibility.**
  - Provides only \$21 million to reimburse states for Army National Guard operating expenses in support of missions along the border. No funding is provided for the Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force, all of which have sufficient funding for these activities.
  - Reduces \$81 million in funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has consistently overspent and misspent taxpayer dollars.
  - Removes a provision authorizing Department of Homeland Security components to detail personnel and provide equipment in support of the border surge effort without reimbursement by Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
  - Prevents the misuse of funds by requiring that funds can only be used for purposes specifically described in the bill.